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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Messier, and Costantino

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13 of the General Laws entitled "Unfair Sales Practices" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **6-13-22. Notice required for credit card surcharges.**
- 4 (a) Effective January 1, 2027, any business that imposes a surcharge or fee for payments
5 made by credit card shall provide clear and conspicuous notice of the surcharge to customers.
- 6 (b) The notice required pursuant to this section shall be posted in a conspicuous location at
7 the point of sale or payment.
- 8 (c) For restaurants or food service establishments, the notice shall also be clearly displayed
9 on all menus provided to customers.
- 10 (d) The notice shall include all of the following:
- 11 (1) A statement that a surcharge is imposed on credit card payments; and
12 (2) The amount or percentage of the surcharge.
- 13 (e) Failure to provide the required notice shall be considered an unfair or deceptive trade
14 practice and subject to enforcement under this chapter.
- 15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require businesses to notify customers whenever a surcharge or fee for
2 payment made by credit card is imposed.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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