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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- SMALL LOAN LENDERS

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: February 12, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 19-14.2-8 and 19-14.2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 19-14.2
2 entitled "Small Loan Lenders" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **19-14.2-8. Maximum loan and interest rate.**

4 (a) Every small loan lender may lend up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in the aggregate
5 to one borrower and may charge, contract for, and receive on the loan interest on the unpaid
6 principal balance on a loan at a rate not exceeding ~~the following:~~

7 ~~(1) Loans up to and including three hundred dollars (\$300), three percent (3%) per month;~~

8 ~~(2) Loans exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) but not exceeding eight hundred dollars~~
9 ~~(\$800), two and one half percent (2.5%) per month; and~~

10 ~~(3) Loans exceeding eight hundred dollars (\$800), but not exceeding five thousand dollars~~
11 ~~(\$5,000), two percent (2%) per month~~ ninety-nine percent (99%) per annum, inclusive of any
12 origination and closing fee.

13 (b) Origination fees shall not be more than ten percent (10%) of the original loan amount.

14 (c) Closing fees shall not be more than four percent (4%) of the original loan amount.

15 (d) In addition to any other fees permitted in this chapter, the following fees shall be agreed
16 to in writing between borrower and lender and are not included in the annual interest rate:

17 (1) A late payment fee in the amount of five percent (5%) of the delinquent payment or
18 eighteen dollars (\$18.00), whichever is greater; and

19 (2) A returned payment fee up to thirty dollars (\$30.00).

1 **19-14.2-12. Small loans — No other charges — Exception.**

2 In addition to the interest [and fees](#) allowed in this chapter, no small loan licensee shall
3 directly, or indirectly, charge, contract for, or receive any other charges except credit insurance,
4 lawful filing fees and insurance charges, and other fees listed in § 6-26-2(c) or as authorized by
5 regulation.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish a maximum per annum rate of interest on small loans at ninety-
2 nine percent (99%) and limit the amounts of origination and closing fees. This act would also
3 require that late fees and returned payment fees be agreed to in writing between borrower and
4 lender.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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