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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Mendonca, Costantino, Giarrusso, and Price

Date Introduced: January 31, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13.1 of the General Laws entitled "Deceptive Trade Practices" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **6-13.1-30. Prohibition of ban on cash discounts in credit card issuer-vendor/
4 business contracts.**

5 (a) Any provision in an agreement or contract between credit card issuers or institutions
6 issuing credit cards and any vendor or business preventing the vendor and/or business offering a
7 reduced price for an item and/or service for customers paying in cash is null and void against
8 public policy.

9 (b) Any violation of this section shall be enforced by the attorney general pursuant to the
10 provisions of §§ 6-13.1-7 and 6-13.1-8, and any damages sustained by the vendor and/or business
11 may be recovered pursuant to the provisions of § 6-13.1-5.2

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would declare null and void as against public policy any contract between credit
2 card issuers and vendors/businesses prohibiting vendors/businesses from offering a reduced price
3 to customers paying in cash. This act would provide for enforcement by the attorney general for
4 injunctive relief, and recovery of civil damages by the vendors/businesses.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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