



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5560**

LCO No. 2031

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CREDIT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) No person, firm or  
2 corporation that extends consumer credit shall impose a late or  
3 missing payment fee on a consumer balance that is in excess of such  
4 balance. Any such fee imposed, either alone, or in conjunction with  
5 any other interest fee, shall be deemed usurious if such fee exceeds the  
6 maximum percentage of interest that could have been charged under  
7 the usury laws of this state. Any person, firm or corporation that  
8 extends consumer credit in violation of this section shall forfeit the  
9 right to recover such fee or balance.

10 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed an  
11 unfair trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the  
12 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect consumers of modest means from abusive credit practices that circumvent consumer protection laws.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*