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General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6691

*House of Representatives, March 21, 2023*

The Committee on Banking reported through REP. DOUCETTE of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT CARD ACCESS TO HOME EQUITY LINES OF CREDIT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 49-2 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (c) Advancements may also be made by a mortgagee, or the assignee  
5 of any mortgagee, under an open-end mortgage to the original  
6 mortgagor, or to the assign or assigns of the original mortgagor who  
7 assume the existing mortgage, or any of them, and any such mortgage  
8 debt and future advances shall, from the time such mortgage deed is  
9 recorded, without regard to whether the terms and conditions upon  
10 which such advances will be made are contained in the mortgage deed  
11 and, in the case of an open-end mortgage securing a commercial future  
12 advance loan, a consumer revolving loan or a letter of credit, without  
13 regard to whether the authorized amount of indebtedness shall at that  
14 time or any time have been fully advanced, be a part of the debt due  
15 such mortgagee and be secured by such mortgage equally with the debts  
16 and obligations secured thereby at the time of recording the mortgage

17 deed and have the same priority over the rights of others who may  
18 acquire any rights in, or liens upon, the mortgaged real estate  
19 subsequent to the recording of such mortgage deed, provided: (1) The  
20 heading of any such mortgage deed shall be clearly entitled "Open-End  
21 Mortgage"; (2) the mortgage deed shall contain specific provisions  
22 permitting such advancements and, if applicable, shall specify that such  
23 advancements are made pursuant to a commercial future advance loan  
24 agreement, a consumer revolving loan agreement or a letter of credit; (3)  
25 the mortgage deed shall state the full amount of the loan therein  
26 authorized; (4) the terms of repayment of such advancements shall not  
27 extend the time of repayment beyond the maturity of the original  
28 mortgage debt, provided this subdivision shall not be applicable where  
29 such advancements are made or would be made pursuant to a  
30 commercial future advance loan agreement, a consumer revolving loan  
31 agreement or a letter of credit, and the mortgage deed specifies that such  
32 advancements are repayable upon demand or by a date which shall not  
33 be later than thirty years from the date of the mortgage; (5) such  
34 advancements shall be secured or evidenced by a note or notes signed  
35 by the original mortgagor or mortgagors or any assign or assigns of the  
36 original mortgagor or mortgagors who assume the existing mortgage,  
37 or any of them, but no note shall be required with respect to any  
38 advancements made pursuant to a commercial future advance loan  
39 agreement, a consumer revolving loan agreement or a letter of credit as  
40 long as such advancements are recorded in the books and records of the  
41 original mortgagee or its assignee; (6) the original mortgage shall be  
42 executed and recorded after October 1, 1955; (7) the original mortgagor  
43 or mortgagors, or any assign or assigns of the original mortgagor or  
44 mortgagors who assume the existing mortgage, or any of them, are  
45 hereby authorized to record a written notice terminating the right to  
46 make such optional future advances secured by such mortgage or  
47 limiting such advances to not more than the amount actually advanced  
48 at the time of the recording of such notice, provided a copy of such  
49 written notice shall also be sent by registered or certified mail, postage  
50 prepaid and return receipt requested, to the mortgagee, or a copy of  
51 such written notice shall be delivered to the mortgagee by a proper

52 officer or an indifferent person and a receipt for the same received from  
53 the mortgagee, and such notice, unless a later date is recorded or  
54 specified in the notice, shall be effective from the time it is received by  
55 the mortgagee; (8) except that if any such optional future advance or  
56 advances are made by the mortgagee, or the assignee of any mortgagee,  
57 to the original mortgagor or mortgagors, or any assign or assigns who  
58 assume the existing mortgage, or any of them, after receipt of written  
59 notice of any subsequent mortgage, lien, attachment, lis pendens, legal  
60 proceeding or adjudication against such real property, then the amount  
61 of any such advance, other than an advance made pursuant to a  
62 commercial future advance loan agreement or a letter of credit, shall not  
63 be a priority as against any such mortgage, lien, attachment, lis pendens  
64 or adjudication of which such written notice was given; (9) any notice  
65 given to the mortgagee under the terms of subdivision (8) of this  
66 subsection shall be deemed valid and binding upon the original  
67 mortgagee or any assignee of the original mortgagee, in the case of a  
68 mortgagee other than a banking institution, on the next business day  
69 following receipt by such mortgagee of such notice sent by registered or  
70 certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by hand  
71 delivery with a signed receipt, and in the case of a mortgagee which is a  
72 banking institution, on the next business day following receipt at the  
73 main office of such banking institution of such notice sent by registered  
74 or certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by  
75 hand delivery with a signed receipt. For the purposes of this subsection:  
76 (A) "Banking institution" means a bank and trust company, a national  
77 banking association having its main office in this state, a savings bank,  
78 a federal savings bank having its main office in this state, a savings and  
79 loan association, a federal savings and loan association having its main  
80 office in this state, a credit union having assets of two million dollars or  
81 more, or a federal credit union having its main office in this state and  
82 having assets of two million dollars or more; (B) "commercial future  
83 advance loan" means a loan to a foreign or domestic corporation,  
84 partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, association  
85 or entity, or any combination thereof, the proceeds of which are not  
86 intended primarily for personal, family or household purposes, which

87 loan entails advances of all or part of the loan proceeds and repayments  
 88 of all or part of the outstanding balance of the loan from time to time,  
 89 and includes (i) a commercial revolving loan wherein all or part of the  
 90 loan proceeds that have been repaid may be readvanced, and (ii) a  
 91 commercial nonrevolving loan wherein previously advanced loan  
 92 proceeds, once repaid, cannot be readvanced; and (C) "consumer  
 93 revolving loan" means a loan to one or more individuals, the proceeds  
 94 of which are intended primarily for personal, family or household  
 95 purposes, which is secured by a mortgage on residential real property,  
 96 and is made pursuant to an agreement between the mortgagor and  
 97 mortgagee which (i) provides for advancements of all or part of the loan  
 98 proceeds during a period of time which shall not exceed ten years from  
 99 the date of such agreement and for repayments of the loan from time to  
 100 time, (ii) provides for payments to be applied at least in part to the  
 101 unpaid principal balance not later than ten years from the date of the  
 102 loan, and (iii) [does not authorize access to the loan proceeds by a credit  
 103 card or any similar instrument or device, whether known as a credit  
 104 card, credit plate, or by any other name, issued with or without a fee by  
 105 an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining money, goods,  
 106 services, or anything else of value on credit, and (iv)] does not provide  
 107 that such a revolving loan to more than one mortgagor will be  
 108 immediately due and payable upon the death of fewer than all the  
 109 mortgagors who signed the revolving loan agreement. Nothing in this  
 110 subsection shall affect the validity or enforceability of any loan  
 111 agreement which provides for future advancements by a lender to a  
 112 borrower as between such parties or their heirs, successors or assigns,  
 113 or shall affect the validity or enforceability of any mortgage securing  
 114 any such loan that would be valid and enforceable without the  
 115 provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	49-2(c)

**BA** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill allows mortgagors to access the proceeds from consumer revolving loans by credit card, credit plate, or any similar payment methods, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6691*****AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT CARD ACCESS TO HOME EQUITY LINES OF CREDIT.*****SUMMARY**

State law allows a consumer revolving loan (e.g., home equity line of credit) secured by an open-end mortgage to have the same priority as the mortgage over the rights of others to a property the mortgage is attached to if specific conditions concerning the loan and mortgage are met. This bill changes current law's conditions on the consumer revolving loans to allow mortgagors (borrowers) to access the proceeds from these loans by credit card, credit plate, or any similar payment methods, if offered by their mortgagors (lenders).

Under this property rights prioritization law, a "consumer revolving loan" must, among other things, be a loan secured by a mortgage on residential real property and its proceeds must be intended for personal, family, or household purposes. To be eligible under current law, the loan agreement between the lender and borrower must not authorize access to the loan proceeds by a credit card or any similar instrument or device that can be used to obtain money, goods, services, or anything else of value on credit. The bill eliminates this requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Banking Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/07/2023)