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Committee Bill No. 1118

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR
DEBIT OR CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS TO A STATE OR MUNICIPAL
AGENCY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-1j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) Each state agency, as defined in section 4-166, shall accept
4 payment in cash or by check, draft or money order for any license issued
5 by such agency pursuant to the provisions of the general statutes.

6 (b) Except as provided by any other provision of the general statutes,
7 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may authorize any
8 state agency to accept payment of any fee, cost or fine payable to such
9 agency by means of a credit card, charge card or debit card or an
10 electronic payment service, provided each state agency that accepts
11 payment by means of a credit card, charge card or debit card and any
12 entity processing such payment on behalf of the state agency shall not
13 charge the payor using such card a service fee.], except that such service
14 fee may be waived by such state agency for a category of fee, cost or fine,

15 if such waiver has been approved by said secretary.]

16 [(c) (1) Any service fee imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
17 section shall (A) be for the purpose of defraying the cost of service, (B)
18 not exceed any charge by the credit card, charge card or debit card issuer
19 or processor, including any discount rate, and (C) be applied only when
20 allowed by the operating rules and regulations of the credit card, charge
21 card or debit card issuer or processor involved or when authorized in
22 writing by such issuer or processor.

23 (2) Each state agency that charges a service fee pursuant to this
24 section or any other provision of the general statutes shall disclose such
25 service fee to a payor prior to the imposition of such service fee. Such
26 disclosure shall be made in accordance with any requirements for
27 disclosure set forth by the card issuer or processor.]

28 [(d)] (c) Payments by credit card, charge card, debit card or an
29 electronic payment service shall be made at such times and under such
30 conditions as the secretary may prescribe in regulations adopted in
31 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

32 [(e) Payment of a fee, cost or fine, and any applicable service fee, by
33 credit card, charge card, debit card or an electronic payment service
34 shall constitute full payment of such fee, cost, fine or service fee,
35 regardless of any discount applied by a credit card company.]

36 Sec. 2. Section 12-39r of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

38 The Commissioner of Revenue Services may allow the payment of
39 taxes, penalties, interest and fees by means of a credit card, charge card
40 or debit card, [and may] provided the commissioner shall not charge the
41 taxpayer a service fee for any such payment made by any such card.
42 [The fee shall not exceed any charge by the card issuer, including any
43 discount rate.] Payments by any such card shall be made at such times
44 and under such conditions as said commissioner may prescribe. The

45 debt incurred through the payment of taxes by means of any such card
46 shall not be considered a tax collectible pursuant to the provisions of
47 sections 12-35a and 12-35b.

48 Sec. 3. Section 12-141a of the general statutes is repealed and the
49 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

50 Each municipality may allow the payment of taxes, penalties, interest
51 and fees by means of a credit card, charge card or debit card or an
52 electronic payment service, [and may] provided the municipality shall
53 not charge the taxpayer a service fee for any such payment made by any
54 such card or electronic payment service. [Such fee shall not exceed any
55 charge by the card issuer or electronic payment service provider,
56 including any discount rate.] Payments by credit card, charge card or
57 debit card or an electronic payment service shall be made at such times
58 and under such conditions as the municipality may prescribe. The debt
59 incurred through the payment of taxes by means of a credit card, charge
60 card or debit card or an electronic payment service shall not be
61 considered a tax collectible pursuant to the provisions of section 12-172.

62 Sec. 4. Section 14-11i of the general statutes is repealed and the
63 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

64 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may allow the payment of any
65 fee specified in this chapter or chapter 247 by means of a credit card,
66 [and] provided the commissioner shall not charge [each] a payor a
67 service fee for any payment made by means of a credit card. [The fee
68 shall not exceed any charge by the credit card issuer or by its authorized
69 agent, including any discount rate.] Payments by credit card shall be
70 made under such conditions as the commissioner may prescribe, [,
71 except that the commissioner shall determine the rate or amount of the
72 service fee for any such credit card in accordance with subsection (c) of
73 section 1-1j. Such service fee may be waived by the commissioner for a
74 category of fee if such waiver has been approved by the Secretary of the
75 Office of Policy and Management pursuant to subsection (b) of section
76 1-1j. If any charge with respect to payment of a fee by means of a credit

77 card is not authorized by such issuer or its authorized agent, the
78 commissioner shall assess the payor the fee specified in subsection (f) of
79 section 14-50.]

80 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 19a-88 of the general
81 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
82 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

83 (2) The department shall not charge a service fee for [each] any
84 payment made by means of a credit card. [The Commissioner of Public
85 Health shall determine the rate or amount of the service fee for any such
86 credit card in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j. Such service
87 fee may be waived by the commissioner for a category of fee if such
88 waiver has been approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
89 Management pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1-1j.]

90 Sec. 6. Section 45a-113b of the general statutes is repealed and the
91 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

92 Each Probate Court may allow the payment of any fees charged by
93 such court by means of a credit card, charge card, debit card or an
94 electronic funds transfer. Such court shall not charge the person making
95 such payment a service fee for any such payment made by means of any
96 such card or electronic funds transfer. [The fee shall not exceed any
97 charge by the card issuer or processing fee for electronic funds transfer,
98 including any discount rate. The Probate Court Administrator shall
99 determine the rate or amount of the service fee for any such card in
100 accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j.]

101 Sec. 7. Section 51-193b of the general statutes is repealed and the
102 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

103 Payment of any fees, costs, fines or other charges to the Judicial
104 Branch may be made by means of a credit card and the payor shall not
105 be charged a service fee for any such payment made by means of a credit
106 card. [The service fee shall not exceed any charge by the credit card

107 issuer, including any discount rate.] Payments by credit card shall be
108 made at such time and under such conditions as the Office of the Chief
109 Court Administrator may prescribe. [, except that the Chief Court
110 Administrator shall determine the rate or amount of the service fee for
111 any such card in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1-1j.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	1-1j
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	12-39r
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	12-141a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-11i
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	19a-88(g)(2)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	45a-113b
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	51-193b

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit state agencies and municipalities from requiring the payment of any fee for use of a debit or charge card.

[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.]

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