

HOUSE No. 1429

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John D. Keenan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to misuse of debit cards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John D. Keenan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Essex

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By Mr. Keenan of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1429) of John D. Keenan for legislation to amend the credit card fraud statutes to include debit cards. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to misuse of debit cards.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 105 of Chapter 93 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010
2 official edition is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “transactions” in line 8, the
3 following words:-

4 including debit card transactions;

5 SECTION 2. Section 41 of Chapter 183B of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010
6 official edition is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 26 and 27, the words “credit card” and
7 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-

8 credit card or debit card

9 SECTION 3. Section 37A of Chapter 266 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010
10 official edition is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “credit card” and inserting in
11 place thereof the following definition:-

12 “Credit card”, any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, or
13 by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in
14 obtaining money, goods, services, or anything else of value on credit; or a debit card.

15 SECTION 4. Said Section 37A of Chapter 266 is hereby further amended by inserting
16 after the definition of “Credit card” the following definition:-

17 “Debit card”, any instrument or device, whether known as a debit card or by any other
18 name, that is issued with or without a fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining

19 money, property, goods, services or anything else of value, subject to the issuer removing money
20 from the checking account, savings account, or any other account of the cardholder.