

**SENATE . . . . . No. 492**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act protecting banking consumers.

*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. Chapter 167D is hereby amended by inserting, after section 18, the  
2 following new section:-

3 167D:18A. Upon any merger, acquisition, consolidation, purchase of assets, or any other  
4 unilateral internal administrative reason that a bank imposes a checking account identification  
5 number change or alteration causing a depositor’s unused checks or drafts to no longer be  
6 accepted for making transfers to third parties, the depositor shall be allowed, within 3 months of  
7 the date on which the account number is changed, to submit any unused checks or drafts to the  
8 bank. Upon submittal of the unused checks, the depositor shall be entitled to order from the  
9 bank, the same number of new checks reflecting the new account identification number at no  
10 expense to the depositor.