

SENATE No. 181

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 check cashing fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Rodrigues

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 181) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation relative to check cashing fees. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 133 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to check cashing fees.

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

1 Chapter 167 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 48, the following new section:-

3 Section 48A. Every bank doing business in the commonwealth, which for the purposes
4 of this section shall include any bank as defined in section one and shall include any national
5 bank, national banking association, federal savings bank, federal savings and loan association,
6 and federal credit union, shall be prohibited from charging any fee to a consumer for the
7 purposes of cashing or processing a check that has been drawn on said bank. Each individual
8 violation shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.