

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To establish a moratorium on credit card interest rate increases, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Credit Card Rate
5 Freeze Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON RATE INCREASES.**

7 During the period beginning on the date of enactment
8 of this Act and ending 9 months after the date of enact-
9 ment of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and

1 Disclosure Act of 2009, in the case of any credit card ac-
2 count under an open end consumer credit plan—

3 (1) no creditor may increase any annual per-
4 centage rate, fee, or finance charge applicable to any
5 outstanding balance, except as permitted under sub-
6 section 171(b) of the Truth in Lending Act (as
7 added by Public Law 111-24); and

8 (2) no creditor may change the terms governing
9 the repayment of any outstanding balance, except as
10 set forth in section 171(c) of the Truth in Lending
11 Act (as added by Public Law 111-24).

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINED TERMS.**

13 For purposes of this Act—

14 (1) the term “annual percentage rate” means
15 an annual percentage rate, as determined under sec-
16 tion 107 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C.
17 1606);

18 (2) the term “finance charge” means a finance
19 charge, as determined under section 106 of the
20 Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1605);

21 (3) the term “outstanding balance” has the
22 same meaning as in section 171(d) of the Truth in
23 Lending Act (as added by Public Law 111-24); and

24 (4) the terms used in this Act that are defined
25 in section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15

1 U.S.C. 1602) and are not otherwise defined in this
2 Act shall have the same meanings as in section 103
3 of the Truth in Lending Act.

4 **SEC. 4. REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors of the
6 Federal Reserve System may issue such rules as may be
7 necessary to carry out this Act.

8 (b) DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The provisions of this
9 Act shall take effect upon the date of enactment of this
10 Act, regardless of whether rules are issued under sub-
11 section (a).