

**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*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 181**

---

---

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.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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.