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1	S.216
2	Introduced by Senator McCormack
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Banking and insurance; powers of financial institutions; credit cards
6	Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require credit card companies to
7	disclose information regarding credit card interest rates, fees, and payments.
8	An act relating to credit card disclosures
9	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
10	Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 14303 is amended to read:
11	§ 14303. BANK CREDIT CARDS
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13	(c) Statements of account. Issuers of bank credit cards shall promptly
14	furnish a statement of each cardholder's account as of the end of each monthly
15	period (which need not be a calendar month) in which there is any unpaid
16	balance thereunder, which statement shall include the following information,
17	not necessarily in the order stated:
18	(1) The unpaid balance of the account at the beginning of the period;

(2) The amount of cash advances, if any, during the period;

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due;

(3) Unless furnished by the seller or tax department to the cardholder by		
sales slip, memorandum or otherwise, information in the statement of account		
sufficient to allow the cardholder reasonably to identify the transaction or		
delinquent taxes paid as permitted by 32 V.S.A. § 3109(c) during the period,		
the cash price and the date of each purchase or tax payment;		
(4) The payments and other credits applied to the cardholder's account		
during the period;		
(5) The balance at the billing date for cash advances, property, and		
services subject to finance charge;		
(6) The amount and rate of the finance charge imposed;		
(7) The balance at the billing date for property, labor, or services		
purchased or delinquent taxes paid during the billing period, if any, and the		
date by which it may be paid to avoid any finance charge:		
(8) A clear statement of the impact of paying only the minimum amount		
due, including the impact if the minimum amount due is less than the interest		

(9) A clear statement of the consequences if the issuer of the credit card

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waives a late payment fee.

1	Sec. 2. 8 V.S.A. § 14305 is added to read:
2	§ 14305. CREDIT CARD SOLICITATION; DISCLOSURE
3	<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>
4	Every solicitation for the issuance of a credit card shall disclose clearly and
5	conspicuously the following information concerning the credit card account:
6	(1) The annual percentage rate or rates applicable to the credit card
7	account. If the rate or rates are variable, the solicitation shall disclose that fact
8	and shall further disclose either the rate or rates on a specified date or the index
9	from which the rate or rates are determined.
10	(2) Any minimum, fixed, transaction, activity, or similar charge that
11	could be imposed in connection with any use of the credit card.
12	(3) Any annual or periodic membership or participation fee that may be
13	imposed for the availability, issuance, or renewal of the credit card.
14	(4) Whether any time period is provided within which any credit
15	extended through the use of the credit card may be repaid without incurring a
16	finance charge, and a description of any such time period.