

SENATE No. 778

By Mr. Keating (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 778) of Steven B. Drobnis for legislation to create a debit card for the payment of child support. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT CREATING A DEBIT CARD FOR THE PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.

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 273A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1990
2 Official Edition, are hereby amended by adding after Section 14
3 the following new section: —

4 Section 14A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
5 contrary, all disbursements of child support, made in accordance
6 with this chapter and with Chapter 208 and Chapter 209 of the
7 General Laws, shall be paid into a trust account, opened and
8 maintained under the name of the child or children for whom the
9 support is disbursed, accessible by the custodial parent only
10 through the use of a debit card, to be presented at commercial
11 establishments only for the purchase of clothing and food for the
12 child or children in question. Notwithstanding any general or
13 special law to the contrary, no bank shall refuse to administer a
14 trust account, as heretofore described, opened and maintained in
15 accordance with this section. Notwithstanding any general or
16 special law to the contrary, no commercial establishment shall
17 refuse to accept a debit card established in accordance with
18 this section presented for the purchase of food or clothing, in
19 accordance with this section.

