

By Mr. Ahearn of Norwood, petition of David C. Ahearn and other members of the House for legislation to prohibit the distribution of unsolicited credit cards. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNSOLICITED CREDIT CARDS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to prohibit the distribution of un-
3 solicited credit cards, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
4 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the
5 public convenience.

*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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 37C the following section:—

3 *Section 37D.* No person, company, partnership or corporation
4 shall engage in the practice of mailing or the distribution in any
5 form of any credit card, charge plate or any like instrument or
6 device to any other person, firm or corporation unless such other
7 person, firm or corporation has previously made a request
8 therefor in writing.

9 Any person, company, partnership or corporation which vio-
10 lates the provisions of the first paragraph shall be fined not more
11 than one hundred dollars for each card, plate, instrument or
12 device so mailed or distributed.

13 The provisions of this section shall not apply to the renewal of
14 any credit card, charge plate or like instrument or device unless
15 the recipient has previously indicated in writing his intention
16 that such renewal not be effected nor shall it apply to the
17 replacement of any such instrument or device by the issuer
18 thereof during the period such instrument or device is in effect.

To Mr. Adams of Kentucky, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Currency, for a report on the bill for the purpose of providing for the redemption of the currency of the United States.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 8, Clause 2

1. The Congress shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the United States.

2. The Congress shall have the power to regulate the value of money, to coin money, to fix the standard of weights and measures, to provide for the protection of the rights of authors of writings and inventions, to constitute courts inferior to the supreme court, to define and punish the crimes against the law of nations, to declare and regulate the punishment of piracy and high seas robbery, to define and punish the offenses against the law of nations, to define and punish the offenses against the law of nations, to define and punish the offenses against the law of nations.

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