CHAPTER 326

AN ACT concerning money orders and supplementing P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.56:8-182 Money orders, dormancy fee defined, regulated.

1. a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, a money order sold after the effective date of P.L.2007, c.326 (C.56:8-182 et seq.) shall retain full value until presented for payment, or shall have all conditions and limitations, as permitted in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, disclosed to the purchaser of the money order at the time of purchase, as provided in subsection b. of this section.

(1) No dormancy fee shall be charged against a money order within the 12 months immediately following the date of sale.

(2) An issuer of a money order may charge a dormancy fee against a money order, as permitted by this subsection, of not more than $2.00 per month.

b. The terms of any dormancy fee applicable to a money order, as permitted by subsection a. of this section, shall be disclosed by an issuer to a consumer by:

(1) written notice of the dormancy fee on the money order or the sales receipt for the money order; and

(2) written notice on the money order or the sales receipt for the money order, of a telephone number which the consumer may call for information concerning any dormancy fee.

c. As used in this section, "dormancy fee" means a charge imposed against the value of a money order due to inactivity.

C.56:8-183 Violation, unlawful practice.

2. It shall be an unlawful practice and a violation of P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.) to violate the provisions of this act.

C.56:8-184 Regulations.

3. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

Approved January 13, 2008.