

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 529\*  
Commerce and Insurance Committee Substitute Adopted 5/2/19

Short Title: Fees/Returned Checks.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PROCESSING FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 25-3-506 reads as rewritten:

5 "§ 25-3-506. Collection of processing fee for returned checks.

6 A person who accepts a check in payment for goods or services or ~~his~~the person's assignee  
7 may charge and collect a processing fee, not to exceed ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00),~~thirty-five  
8 dollars (\$35.00), for a check on which payment has been refused by the payor bank because of  
9 insufficient funds or because the drawer did not have an account at that bank.

10 If a collection agency collects or seeks to collect on behalf of its principal a processing fee as  
11 specified in this section in addition to the sum payable of a check, the amount of ~~such~~the  
12 processing fee ~~must~~shall be separately stated on the collection notice. The collection agency  
13 shall not collect or seek to collect from the drawer any sum other than the actual amount of the  
14 returned check and the specified processing fee."

15 SECTION 1.(b) This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to checks  
16 dated on or after that date.



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