

1 S.87

2 Introduced by Senators Sears, Mullin, Ashe, and Baruth

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection; prevention of credit card

6 company unfair business practices; electronic payment systems;

7 surcharges by merchants prohibited

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit

9 merchants from imposing a surcharge on persons electing to pay with a credit

10 card in lieu of another payment type.

11 An act relating to prohibiting a merchant from imposing a surcharge for
12 payment with a credit card

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2480s is added to read:

15 § 2480s. SURCHARGES BY MERCHANTS PROHIBITED

16 A Vermont merchant in any sales transaction shall not impose a surcharge

17 on a person who elects to use a credit card in lieu of payment by cash, check,

18 or similar means.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.