

119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H.R.

To amend the Truth in Lending Act to cap credit card interest rates at 10 percent.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Ocasio-Cortez introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "10 Percent Credit Card
- 5 Interest Rate Cap Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. CAP ON CREDIT CARD INTEREST RATES.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of the Truth in Lend-
- 8 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1606) is amended by adding at the
- 9 end the following:

- 1 "(f)(1) The annual percentage rate applicable to an
- 2 extension of credit obtained by use of a credit card may
- 3 not exceed 10 percentage points, inclusive of all finance
- 4 charges.
- 5 "(2) Any fees that are not considered finance charges
- 6 under section 106(a) may not be used to evade the limita-
- 7 tions of paragraph (1), and the total sum of such fees may
- 8 not exceed the total amount of finance charges assessed.
- 9 "(3) The taking, receiving, reserving, or charging of
- 10 a credit card annual percentage rate or fee greater than
- 11 that permitted under this subsection, when knowingly
- 12 done, shall be deemed a violation of this title, and a for-
- 13 feiture of the entire interest which the note, bill, or other
- 14 evidence of the obligation carries with it, or which has
- 15 been agreed to be paid thereon.
- 16 "(4) If a credit card annual percentage rate or fee
- 17 greater than that permitted under this subsection has
- 18 been paid, the person by whom it has been paid, or the
- 19 legal representative thereof, may, by bringing an action
- 20 not later than 2 years after the date on which the usurious
- 21 collection was last made, recover back from the lender in
- 22 an action in the nature of an action of debt, the entire
- 23 amount of interest, finance charges, or fees paid.
- 24 "(5) Any creditor who violates this subsection shall
- 25 be subject to the provisions of section 130.

1	"(g) Nothing in this section may be construed to pre-
2	empt any provision of State law that provides greater pro-
3	tection to consumers than is provided under this section.".
4	(b) Technical and Conforming Amendment.—
5	Section 130(a) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C.
6	1640(a)) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph
7	(1), by inserting "section 107(f)," before "this chapter".
8	(c) Sunset.—
9	(1) In General.—The Truth in Lending Act
10	(15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended—
11	(A) in section 107 (15 U.S.C. 1606), by
12	striking subsections (f) and (g); and
13	(B) in section 130(a) (15 U.S.C. 1640(a)),
14	in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by strik-
15	ing "section 107(f),".
16	(2) Effective date.—The amendments made
17	by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,
18	2031.