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To amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide safeguards for credit card holders whose accounts were, or are about to be, terminated for inactivity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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. PROVISIONS RELATED TO CREDIT CARD TER-**
4 **MINATIONS DUE TO INACTIVITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 127 of the Truth in Lend-
6 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1637) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new subsection:

8 “(i) PROVISIONS RELATED TO CREDIT CARD AC-
9 COUNT TERMINATIONS DUE TO INACTIVITY.—

1 “(1) TERMINATION NOTICE.—A credit card ac-
2 count under an open end consumer credit plan shall
3 not be terminated for inactivity unless, not less than
4 60 days prior to the date of such termination, the
5 card issuer transmits to the cardholder a clear and
6 conspicuous disclosure that the cardholder’s account
7 will be terminated for inactivity, along with the ex-
8 pected date of such termination.

9 “(2) NO TERMINATION FOR INACTIVITY IF
10 CARD IS USED WITHIN NOTICE PERIOD.—If, after
11 receiving the disclosure described under paragraph
12 (1), but before the termination of the account for in-
13 activity, a cardholder uses the credit card, then the
14 credit card account cannot be terminated for inac-
15 tivity.

16 “(3) REQUIRED 30-DAY REACTIVATION WIN-
17 DOW.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If, within 30 days
19 after the date of the termination for inactivity
20 of a credit card account under an open end con-
21 sumer credit plan, the cardholder notifies the
22 card issuer that the cardholder wants to con-
23 tinue using the credit card account, the card
24 issuer shall reopen the account.

1 “(B) USE REQUIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS.—
2 With respect to an account reopened under sub-
3 paragraph (A), the card issuer may perma-
4 nently close such account if the cardholder does
5 not make use of the credit card account within
6 30 days after the date of the reopening of such
7 account.

8 “(4) APPEAL OF TERMINATION DUE TO
9 ERROR.—If, within 60 days after the date a credit
10 card account under an open end consumer credit
11 plan is terminated for inactivity, the cardholder of
12 such credit card account notifies the card issuer that
13 the cardholder believes the account was terminated
14 for inactivity due solely to an administrative or cler-
15 ical error on the part of the card issuer, the card
16 issuer shall make an investigation to determine
17 whether such an error occurred. The card issuer
18 shall transmit to the cardholder the results of such
19 investigation and, if the card issuer determines that
20 such an error did occur, the card issuer shall reopen
21 the credit card account.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; REGULATIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
24 subsection (a) shall take effect 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act with respect to all

1 credit card accounts under open end consumer credit
2 plans.

3 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors of
4 the Federal Reserve System, in consultation with the
5 Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Of-
6 fice of Thrift Supervision, the Federal Deposit In-
7 surance Corporation, the National Credit Union Ad-
8 ministration Board, and the Federal Trade Commis-
9 sion, shall, within 90 days after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act, prescribe regulations, in final
11 form, implementing the amendment made by sub-
12 section (a).

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