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By Senator Alexander

	17-815-07 See HB 249
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to automated teller machine
3	transactions; amending s. 655.966, F.S.;
4	prohibiting machine owners or operators from
5	imposing certain fees or surcharges without
6	disclosing the fee or surcharge to the
7	customer; providing certain agreement
8	prohibitions relating to machine access fees or
9	surcharges; providing construction relating to
10	certain fee-free or surcharge-free network
11	agreements; providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 655.966, Florida Statutes, is
16	amended to read:
17	655.966 Automated teller machine; surcharge
18	disclosure
19	(1) The operator or owner of an automated teller
20	machine in this state may not charge any access fee or
21	surcharge upon a customer for the usage of that machine
22	regardless of whether the customer is using an access device
23	issued by that operator or owner unless that fee or surcharge
24	is clearly disclosed to the customer electronically on the
25	automated teller machine. Unless the disclosure is made prior
26	to the customer's being obligated to pay the fee or surcharge,
27	the customer shall be provided an opportunity to cancel that
28	transaction without incurring any access fee or surcharge.
29	(2)(a) Subject to the requirements of subsection (1),
30	an agreement to operate or share an automated teller machine
31	may not prohibit, limit, or restrict the right of the operator

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or owner of an automated teller machine, as defined in s. 655.960(3), to may charge an access fee or surcharge, not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law, to a customer conducting a transaction using an account from a financial institution, as defined in s. 655.005(1)(h), which is located outside of the United States. (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise limit the ability of an operator or owner of an automated teller machine to voluntarily enter into an agreement regarding participation in an access fee-free or surcharge-free network. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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