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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 Lend8 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1606) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

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"(f)(1) The annual percentage rate applicable to an
 extension of credit obtained by use of a credit card may
 not exceed 10 percentage points, inclusive of all finance
 charges.

5 "(2) Any fees that are not considered finance charges
6 under section 106(a) may not be used to evade the limita7 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.

"(4) If a credit card annual percentage rate or fee 16 17 greater than that permitted under this subsection has been paid, the person by whom it has been paid, or the 18 legal representative thereof, may, by bringing an action 19 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 shall25 be subject to the provisions of section 130.

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1 "(g) Nothing in this sec	tion 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 C	ONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
5 Section 130(a) of the Truth	n in Lending Act (15 U.S.C.
6 1640(a)) is amended, in the	matter preceding paragraph
7 (1), by inserting "section 10	07(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	n 107 (15 U.S.C. 1606), by
12 striking subsection	s (f) and (g); and
13 (B) in section	130(a) (15 U.S.C. 1640(a)),
14 in the matter prece	eding paragraph (1), by strik-
15 ing "section 107(f)	;".
16 (2) Effective da	TE.—The amendments made
17 by paragraph (1) shall	l take effect on January 1,
18 2031.	