Section 12-506(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF [[MARYLAND, That Section 12-506(e) of Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

12-506.

(e) A finance charge for a monthly period may not be imposed on an open end account unless:

(1) the periodic statement for that month is mailed to the buyer at least 15 days before the end of the next billing cycle; AND

(2) THE POSTING DATE ON THE PERIODIC STATEMENT FOR THAT MONTH IS THE DATE OF RECEIPT BY THE SELLER OF PAYMENT FROM THE BUYER.]]

MARYLAND, That new Section 12-506(g) be and it is hereby added to Article - Commercial Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

12-506.

(G) PROMPT CREDITING OF PAYMENTS. REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF ACTUAL POSTING OF A PAYMENT TO AN ACCOUNT, THE PAYMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT AS OF THE DATE THE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY THE CREDITOR, AND NO FINANCE CHARGE, LATE PAYMENT CHARGE, OR OTHER CHARGE SHALL BE IMPOSED WITH RESPECT TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT WHICH IS PROPERLY RECEIVED BY THE CREDITOR ON OR BEFORE THE TIME INDICATED BY THE CREDITOR AS NECESSARY TO AVOID IMPOSITION THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT:

(1) IF A CREDITOR FAILS TO POST THE CUSTOMER'S PAYMENT IN TIME TO AVOID THE IMPOSITION OF FINANCE CHARGES, LATE PAYMENT CHARGES, OR OTHER CHARGES, THE CREDITOR SHALL ADJUST THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT SO THAT THE FINANCE CHARGES, LATE PAYMENT CHARGES, OR OTHER CHARGES ARE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT DURING THE CUSTOMER'S NEXT BILLING CYCLE.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (G) OF THIS SECTION THE CREDITOR MAY SPECIFY ON THE PERIODIC STATEMENT OR ON ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL THAT NEED NOT BE RETAINED BY THE CUSTOMER, REASONABLE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORM, AMOUNT, MANNER, LOCATION, AND TIME