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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Printing Payment Device Numbers on Receipts -**
3 **Penalty**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the civil penalty that may be recovered from a person
5 that accepts a credit card number or other payment device number for the
6 transaction of business and prints more than eight digits of the credit card
7 number or other payment device number on a receipt provided to the holder of
8 the credit card or payment device.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Commercial Law
11 Section 14-1318
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Commercial Law**

17 14-1318.

18 (a) In this section, "payment device number" means any code, account number,
19 or other means of account access, other than a check, draft, or similar paper
20 instrument, that can be used to obtain money, goods, services, or anything of value, or
21 for purposes of initiating a transfer of funds.

22 (b) (1) This section applies only to receipts that are electronically printed in
23 connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer services.

24 (2) This section does not apply to receipts where the sole means of
25 recording the credit card number or payment device number is by handwriting,
26 imprinting, or copying the credit card or payment device.

1 (c) A person that accepts a credit card number or other payment device
2 number for the transaction of business may not print more than eight digits of the
3 credit card number or other payment device number on a receipt provided to the
4 holder of the credit card or payment device.

5 (d) (1) The Attorney General may initiate a civil action against a person who
6 violates this section to recover for the State a civil penalty not exceeding [~~\$25~~] \$100
7 for each violation.

8 (2) For the purposes of this section, each instance in which a credit card
9 number is printed when prohibited by this section is a separate violation.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2004.