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SENATE BILL 947

Short Title: Credit Card Numbers on Receipts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; and Brock.

Referred to: Commerce.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT, WHEN CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS, THE PRINTING OF MORE THAN FIVE DIGITS OF THE CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT NUMBER ON ANY RECEIPT PROVIDED AT THE POINT OF SALE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 19C of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-113.24. Disclosure of credit card information prohibited.

(a) No person that accepts credit or debit cards for the transaction of business shall, with the intent to provide such receipt to the cardholder at the point of sale, print or cause to be printed more than five digits of the credit card account number on the receipt. This subsection applies to a person who uses a cash register or other machine or device that electronically prints receipts for credit or debit card transactions that is first placed into use on or after January 1, 2004.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to transactions in which the sole means of recording the cardholder's credit card account number is by handwriting or by an imprint or copy of the credit or debit card.

(c) No person shall sell or offer to sell a cash register or other machine or device that electronically prints receipts of credit or debit card transactions if the device prints more than five digits of the credit card account number upon the receipt.

(d) The Attorney General may investigate any complaint regarding a violation of this section. In conducting an investigation under this section, the Attorney General has all the investigative powers available to the Attorney General under Article 1 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes.

(e) A person who violates this section commits an infraction, as defined in G.S. 14-3.1, and notwithstanding, G.S. 14-3.1 shall be subject to a penalty of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each calendar month a violation occurs. The penalty under this subsection shall not be imposed for more than one violation per month."

1 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113.24(a), as amended by Section 1 of this act, reads as
2 rewritten:

3 "(a) No person that accepts credit or debit cards for the transaction of business
4 shall, with the intent to provide such receipt to the cardholder at the point of sale, print
5 or cause to be printed more than five digits of the credit card account number on the
6 receipt. ~~This subsection applies to a person who uses a cash register or other machine or
7 device that electronically prints receipts for credit or debit card transactions that is first
8 placed into use on or after January 1, 2004.~~"

9 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 and Section 3 of this act become effective July 1,
10 2004, and apply to credit or debit card transactions that occur on or after that date.
11 Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2006.