

House Bill 213

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 business administration, so as to provide for restrictions on the information which may be  
3 printed on receipts for certain payment card transactions; to define terms; to provide for  
4 penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to business  
8 administration, is amended by adding a new Code section at the end of the chapter, to read  
9 as follows:

10 "10-15-5.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Cardholder' means any person or organization named on the face of a payment card  
13 to whom or for whose benefit the payment card is issued.

14 (2) 'Merchant' means any person who receives from a cardholder a payment card or  
15 information from a payment card as the instrument for obtaining, purchasing, or receiving  
16 goods, services, money, or anything else of value from a person.

17 (3) 'Payment card' means a credit card, charge card, debit card, or any other card that is  
18 issued to a cardholder and that allows the cardholder to obtain, purchase, or receive  
19 goods, services, money, or anything else of value from a merchant.

20 (b) A merchant who accepts a payment card for the transaction of business may not print  
21 more than the last five digits of the payment card's account number or print the payment  
22 card's expiration date on a receipt provided to the cardholder. This subsection applies only  
23 to receipts described in subsection (c) of this Code section and does not apply to a  
24 transaction in which the sole means of recording the payment card's account number or  
25 expiration date is by handwriting or by an imprint or copy of the payment card.

1 (c)(1) Effective July 1, 2003, this section applies to receipts that are electronically  
2 printed using a cash register or other machine or device that is first used on or after July  
3 1, 2003.

4 (2) Effective July 1, 2005, this section applies to all receipts that are electronically  
5 printed, including those printed using a cash register or other machine or device that is  
6 first used before July 1, 2003.

7 (d) A merchant who violates this Code section may be fined by the administrator  
8 appointed pursuant to Code Section 10-1-395 not more than \$250.00 for the first violation  
9 and \$1,000.00 for a second or subsequent violation."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2003.

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.