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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes new offenses concerning unlawful possession and use of credit card scanners.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning credit card scanners and supplementing Title
2 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

7 1. a. As used in this act, a “credit card scanner” means a
8 device which electronically or otherwise reads, records, or transmits
9 the information stored, encoded, or imbedded on or in a credit,
10 debit, or other charge card.

b. Any person who possesses a credit card scanner without a
lawful purpose is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

13 c. Any person who uses a credit card scanner for an unlawful
14 purpose is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

16 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month
17 following enactment.

STATEMENT

22 This bill establishes new offenses relating to the unlawful
23 possession and use of credit card scanners.

24 Under the provisions of the bill, a person who possesses a credit
25 card scanner without a lawful purpose is guilty of a disorderly
26 persons offense. A disorderly persons offense is punishable by a
27 fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for a term of up to six months,
28 or both.

29 A person who uses a credit card scanner for an unlawful purpose
30 is guilty of a crime of the second degree. A crime of the second
31 degree is punishable by a fine of up to \$150,000, imprisonment for
32 a term of between five and 10 years, or both.