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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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District 10 (Ocean)

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.

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

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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.

11 b. Any person who possesses a credit card scanner without a
12 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.

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

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STATEMENT

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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.