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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Coosa County; To authorize the Sheriff
14 of Coosa County to establish procedures to make limited
15 purchases utilizing a credit or debit card provided the proper
16 procedures are followed.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this act, the
19 following words have the following meanings:

20 (1) CREDIT CARD. A line of credit issued by a
21 domestic lender or credit card bank.

22 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation
23 to a checking or savings account held by the Coosa County
24 Sheriff's Office.

25 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases
26 of tangible personal property or services approved by the
27 sheriff, the Sheriff of Coosa County may establish procedures

1 to make certain purchases through use of a credit or debit
2 card issued to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff
3 may adopt written policy and procedures governing the
4 utilization of credit or debit cards which, at a minimum,
5 shall include each of the following:

6 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
7 purchase which may be made with a credit or debit card.

8 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount
9 that may be purchased with a credit or debit card taking into
10 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
11 used.

12 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff has sole
13 access to any credit or debit card, credit or debit card
14 numbers, access codes, or security codes.

15 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
16 purchases made with a credit or debit card which shall be
17 periodically reviewed during required audits.

18 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit or debit
19 card bills are carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to
20 make sure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

21 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit or debit
22 card bills are paid in full on a timely basis each month to
23 avoid service charges, late fees, or interest payments.

24 (7) The sheriff shall select the credit or debit
25 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
26 the following:

1 a. Whether the credit or debit card issuer requires
2 an annual fee for utilizing the card.

3 b. Whether the credit or debit card issuer offers
4 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made utilizing the
5 account.

6 c. What interest rates, service charges, finance
7 charges, or late fees will be assessed in event a bill from
8 the credit or debit card issuer is paid late or the balance is
9 not paid in full.

10 d. Whether penalties or fees will be assessed
11 against the sheriff in the event he or she decides to
12 terminate the credit or debit card.

13 e. Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
14 sheriff.

15 (c) In the event the credit or debit card provides
16 rewards or rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards
17 or rebates earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in
18 the discretionary account of the Coosa County Sheriff's
19 Office.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.