

# HOUSE BILL 482

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Information on Payment Device Receipts –**  
3 **Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of digits of a payment device number that  
5 may be printed on certain receipts by a person that accepts a payment device  
6 number for the transaction of business; prohibiting a person that accepts a  
7 payment device number for the transaction of business from printing more than  
8 a certain number of digits of a payment device number or the expiration date of  
9 a payment device on a receipt that is provided to the holder of the payment  
10 device or retained by the person; establishing a certain penalty; altering a  
11 certain definition; making certain stylistic and clarifying changes; and generally  
12 relating to information printed on payment device receipts.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Commercial Law  
15 Section 14–1318  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Commercial Law**

21 14–1318.

22 (a) **(1)** In this section, “payment device number” means any code, account  
23 number, or other means of account access, other than a check, draft, or similar paper  
24 instrument, that can be used to obtain money, goods, services, or anything of value, or  
25 for purposes of initiating a transfer of funds.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) “PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER” INCLUDES A CREDIT CARD**  
2 **NUMBER AND A DEBIT CARD NUMBER.**

3           (b)   (1)   This section applies only to receipts that are electronically printed  
4 in connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer services.

5                   (2)   This section does not apply to receipts where the sole means of  
6 recording the [credit card number or] payment device number is by handwriting,  
7 imprinting, or copying the [credit card or] payment device.

8           (c)   A person that accepts a [credit card number or other] payment device  
9 number for the transaction of business may not print more than [eight] **FIVE** digits of  
10 the [credit card number or other] payment device number **OR THE EXPIRATION**  
11 **DATE OF THE PAYMENT DEVICE** on a receipt **THAT IS** provided to the holder of the  
12 [credit card or] payment device **OR RETAINED BY THE PERSON.**

13           (d)   (1)   The Attorney General may initiate a civil action against a person  
14 [who] **THAT** violates this section to recover for the State a civil penalty not exceeding  
15 \$25 for each violation.

16                   (2)   For the purposes of this section, each instance in which a [credit  
17 card number] **PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER OR EXPIRATION DATE** is printed when  
18 prohibited by this section is a separate violation.

19                   **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2011.