

CHAPTER 782

(House Bill 1590)

AN ACT concerning

Credit Card and Payment Device Numbers - Protection

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the unauthorized use or disclosure of credit card and payment device numbers; defining certain terms; providing for certain exceptions; providing for certain civil and criminal penalties; authorizing certain actions by the Attorney General of the State; and generally relating to the unauthorized use or disclosure of credit card and payment device numbers.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 14-1401 through 14-1405, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 14. Credit Card Number Protection Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Commercial Law

SUBTITLE 14. CREDIT CARD NUMBER PROTECTION ACT

14-1401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "AUTHORIZED USE, DISCLOSURE, OR RECEIPT" MEANS ANY USE, DISCLOSURE, OR RECEIPT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PERSON ISSUED A CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER GRANTED TO ANOTHER THE RIGHT TO USE, DISCLOSE, OR RECEIVE THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR OTHER PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER.

(C) "PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER" MEANS ANY CODE, ACCOUNT NUMBER, OR OTHER MEANS OF ACCOUNT ACCESS, OTHER THAN A CHECK, DRAFT, OR SIMILAR PAPER INSTRUMENT, THAT CAN BE USED TO OBTAIN MONEY, GOODS, SERVICES, OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, OR FOR PURPOSES OF INITIATING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS. FOR PURPOSES OF § 14-1402(A)(5)(III) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ENCODED CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR ENCODED PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER.