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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Charge Cards - Protection of Account Number**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the creation or retention of certain records that contain certain charge card information; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to the protection of charge card information.

BY adding

Article 2 - Consumer Protections  
Section(s) 18-1, to be under the new subtitle,  
“Subtitle 18. Miscellaneous”  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 2. Consumer Protections

SUBTITLE 18. MISCELLANEOUS

§ 18-1. RECORD OF CHARGE CARD TRANSACTIONS.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) CHARGE CARD.

“CHARGE CARD” MEANS ANY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD.

(3) MERCHANT.

“MERCHANT” MEANS ANY PERSON ENGAGED IN THIS CITY IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING GOODS, SERVICES, REALTY, OR CREDIT.

(B) RECEIPTS , ETC., TO BE REDACTED.

IF A MERCHANT IS PAID, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THROUGH A CHARGE CARD, THE MERCHANT MAY NOT CREATE OR, IF PREVIOUSLY CREATED, RETAIN ANY RECEIPT OR OTHER RECORD OF THE PAYMENT THAT CONTAINS:

- (1) THE CARD’S ACCOUNT NUMBER, OTHER THAN THE LAST 4 DIGITS; OR
- (2) THE CARD’S SECURITY CODE NUMBER, IF ANY.

(C) PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) FOR A 1ST OFFENSE, \$500; AND
- (2) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, \$1,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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