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HOUSE BILL NO. 4591



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos


EXPLANATORY NOTE

1 Due to the advancement of technology, it cannot be denied that the use of
2 credit cards has become indispensable in making consumer credit readily available
3 to all Filipinos. It allowed Filipinos to transact conveniently without the need to
4 shell out cash, plan ahead purchases, and subsequently avail of advantageous
5 rates in their purchases.

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7 With this growth in credit card use, some Filipinos have been taken
8 advantaged by malicious and nefarious groups by noting their credit card
9 information and details and have used these cards for their own gain. Fraudsters
10 can get hold of one's personal information in many ways, from hacking retailers to
11 buying one's data on the dark web, a shady corner of the internet that's not
12 accessible via search engines like Google. Or, criminals can trick one into handing
13 over your information through online scams.

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15 This is why we need to introduce more measures to protect consumers who
16 are availing these credit card services. While there are laws currently in place that
17 already aim to protect the consumers, the growing number of people being
18 victimized despite these measures shows the need to introduce further programs
19 and practices that will allow the public to trust the banking system and the
20 convenience of using credit cards.

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22 It is for these foregoing premises that approval of this bill is earnestly
23 sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10870 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY REGULATION LAW

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10870 otherwise known as the
2 Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Law shall be amended to read as follows
3 and the subparagraphs renumbered accordingly:
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5 “SECTION 5. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following terms
6 are defined as follows:
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8 (a) xxx
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11 (l) *Handheld Credit Card Terminal* refers to the device used that an
12 employee of the establishment can bring along with which credit cards can make
13 electronic funds transfers;
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15 (m) xxx
16 xxx”
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18 SECTION 2. A new section, Section 16-A, is inserted after Section 16 of
19 Republic Act No. 10870, to read as follows:
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21 “SECTION 16-A. *Use of Credit Cards in Establishments.* - All establishments
22 should have handheld credit card terminals where the credit card will be swiped in
23 front of the customer to prevent cases of fraud and any other abuse related to
24 credit card use. These establishments who are taking payments through the use of
25 credit cards are mandated to comply with the provisions of this Act.”
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27 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and
28 proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are
29 hereby amended or modified accordingly.
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1 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid
2 or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in
3 full force and effect.
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5 SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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