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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of credit card or debit card abuse; creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 32.31(a), Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (8) and (9) to read as follows:

(8) "Counterfeit credit card or debit card" means a credit card or debit card that:

(A) purports on its face to have been issued by an issuer that did not issue the card;

(B) has been altered to contain a digital imprint other than that which was placed on the card by the issuer;

(C) contains a digital imprint with account information or account holder information differing from that which is printed or embossed on the card; or

(D) has been altered to change the account information or account holder information on the face of the card from that which was printed or embossed on the card by the issuer.

(9) "Digital imprint" means the digital data placed on a credit card or debit card by the issuer.

SECTION 2. Section 32.31, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly possesses, uses, transfers, or receives a counterfeit credit card

1 or debit card.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.