1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to fraudulent practices; amending s. 3 817.58, F.S.; redefining the terms "cardholder," 4 "credit card," and "expired credit card"; amending s. 5 817.60, F.S.; providing applicability; conforming 6 terminology; amending s. 817.625, F.S.; deleting the 7 term "payment card"; conforming terminology; amending s. 525.07, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made 8 9 by the act; providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12

Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section 817.58, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

817.58 Definitions.—As used in ss. 817.57-817.685:

- (2) "Cardholder" means the person or organization named on the face of a credit card to whom or for whose benefit the credit card is issued by an issuer, or any other authorized card user.
- (4) "Credit card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, bank service card, banking card, check guarantee card, electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card, or gift certificate or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining money, goods, services, or anything else

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of value on credit or for use in an automated banking device to obtain any of the services offered through the device.

- (5) "Expired credit card" means a credit card that which is no longer valid because the term shown on it, if any, has elapsed.
- Section 2. Subsections (3), (5), and (8) of section 817.60, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 817.60 Theft; obtaining credit card through fraudulent means.—
- other than the issuer who sells a credit card or a person who buys a credit card from a person other than the issuer violates this subsection and is subject to the penalties set forth in s. 817.67(1). However, it is not unlawful under this subsection for a person other than the issuer to purchase or sell a gift certificate, as defined in s. 501.95.
- than the issuer who, during any 12-month period, receives two or more credit cards that issued in the name or names of different cardholders, which cards he or she has reason to know were taken or retained under circumstances that which constitute credit card theft or a violation of this part, violates this subsection and is subject to the penalties set forth in s. 817.67(2).
- (8) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A STOLEN CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.—
 A person who knowingly possesses, receives, or retains custody

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of a credit or debit card that has been taken from the possession, custody, or control of another without the cardholder's consent and with the intent to impede the recovery of the credit or debit card by the cardholder commits unlawful possession of a stolen credit or debit card and is subject to the penalties set forth in s. 817.67(2). It is not a violation of this subsection for a retailer or retail employee, in the ordinary course of business, to possess, receive, or return a credit card or debit card that the retailer or retail employee does not know was stolen or to possess, receive, or retain a credit card or debit card that the retailer or retail employee knows is stolen for the purpose of an investigation into the circumstances regarding the theft of the card or its possible unlawful use.

Section 3. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 817.625, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of that section is republished, to read:

817.625 Use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder to defraud; possession of skimming device; penalties.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Merchant" means a person who receives from an authorized user of a <u>credit</u> payment card, or someone the person believes to be an authorized user, a <u>credit</u> payment card or information from a credit payment card, or what the person

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believes to be a <u>credit</u> payment card or information from a <u>credit</u> payment card, as the instrument for obtaining, purchasing, or receiving goods, services, money, or anything else of value from the person.

- (b) "Payment card" means a credit card, charge card, debit card, or any other card that is issued to an authorized card user and that allows the user to obtain, purchase, or receive goods, services, money, or anything else of value from a merchant.
- (c) "Reencoder" means an electronic device that places encoded information from the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a <u>credit payment</u> card onto the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a different <u>credit payment</u> card. The term does not include a skimming device.
- (c) (d) "Scanning device" means a scanner, reader, or any other electronic device that may be used to access, read, scan, obtain, memorize, or store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a credit payment card or from another device that directly reads the information from a credit payment card. The term does not include a skimming device.
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}_{\text{(e)}}$ "Skimming device" means a self-contained device that:

1. Is designed to read and store in the device's internal memory information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a <u>credit payment</u> card or from another device that directly reads the information from a credit payment card; and

- 2. Is incapable of processing the <u>credit</u> payment card information for the purpose of obtaining, purchasing, or receiving goods, services, money, or anything else of value from a merchant.
- (2)(a) It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, for a person to use:
- 1. A scanning device or skimming device to access, read, obtain, memorize, or store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a credit payment card without the permission of the authorized user of the credit payment card and with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's credit payment card, or a merchant.
- 2. A reencoder to place information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a <u>credit payment</u> card onto the computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a different card without the permission of the authorized user of

the card from which the information is being reencoded and with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's credit payment card, or a merchant.

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- (b) A person who violates subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2. a second or subsequent time commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (10) of section 525.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 525.07 Powers and duties of department; inspections; unlawful acts.—
 - (10) (a) Each person who owns or manages a retail petroleum fuel measuring device shall have affixed to or installed onto the measuring device a security measure to restrict the unauthorized access of customer credit payment card information. The security measure must include one or more of the following:
 - 1. The placement of pressure-sensitive security tape over the panel opening that leads to the scanning device for the retail petroleum fuel measuring device in a manner that will restrict the unauthorized opening of the panel.
 - 2. A device or system that will render the retail petroleum fuel measuring device or the scanning device in the measuring device inoperable if there is an unauthorized opening of the panel.
 - 3. A device or system that encrypts the customer credit

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- 4. Another security measure approved by the department.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, the term: terms
- 1. "Credit card" has the same meaning as in s. 817.58.
- 2. "Scanning device" and "skimming device" "payment card" have the same meanings as defined in s. 817.625.
- (e) The department may seize without warrant any skimming device, as defined in s. 817.625, for use as evidence.
 - Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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