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Overview

This bill expands the crime of unauthorized computer access by criminalizing interference with point-of-sale terminals to collect information from credit, debit, or similar cards.

Section

1 Authorization. Expands the definition of "authorization" to include access at limited times by certain employees of the Department of Commerce, meter inspectors, and others who have express permission to access a device at approved times. 2 **Electronic terminal.** Defines "electronic terminal" to include ATMs, gas pumps, and similar devices used to withdraw cash, make payments, or electronically transfer funds. 3 Access device. Defines access device to include credit cards, debit cards, gift cards, EBT cards, and other cards used to make financial transactions. 4 Crime. Expands the crime of unauthorized computer access to include penetrating, or attempting to penetrate, an electronic terminal. 5 Felony. Creates a felony offense for accessing, or attempting to access, an ATM, gas pump, or similar device without authorization by opening a panel or access door and attaching, or attempting to attach, a device to collect information from credit, debit, and similar cards. 6 **Gross misdemeanor.** Creates a gross misdemeanor offense for accessing an ATM, gas pump, or similar device without authorization in a manner that creates a risk to public health and safety.