



HOUSE BILL 238: Prohibit Possession of Skimming Device.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 238 adds the definition of a skimming device to the Financial Transaction Card Crime Act and makes the possession, sale, or delivery of a skimming device a Class I felony.

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 14-113.8

A financial transaction card (FTC) includes credit cards, credit plates, bank services cards, banking cards, check guarantee cards, and debit cards.

G.S. 14-113.9

It is currently unlawful to use a scanning device to access, read, obtain, memorize, or store information encoded on another person's FTC with the intent to defraud another person.

G.S. 14-113.17

Financial transaction card theft is a Class I felony.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 would:

- Define "skimming device" as a self-contained device.
- Specify that a skimming device is not a scanning device.
- Make it a Class I felony to knowingly possess, sell, or deliver a skimming device.

Section 2 would:

- Make it a Class I felony to knowingly possess, sell, or deliver the newly defined "skimming device."
- Provide exceptions for the lawful use of skimming devices by officers, courts, and investigators on behalf of merchants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective December 1, 2021, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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