

Bill No. HB 2075, 1st Eng.

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11	Senator Latvala moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment (with title amendment)</b>		
14	On page 3, between lines 2 and 3,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section		
18	215.322, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:		
19	215.322 Acceptance of credit cards, charge cards, or		
20	debit cards by state agencies, units of local government, and		
21	the judicial branch.--		
22	(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage		
23	state agencies, the judicial branch and units of local		
24	government to make their <u>goods, services, and information</u> more		
25	convenient to the public <u>through the</u> <del>and to reduce the</del>		
26	<del>administrative costs of government by</del> acceptance of payments		
27	by credit cards, charge cards, and debit cards to the maximum		
28	extent practicable <u>when the benefits to the participating</u>		
29	<u>agency and the public substantiate the cost of accepting these</u>		
30	<u>types of payments.</u>		
31	(2) A state agency as defined in s. 216.011, or the		

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1 judicial branch, may accept credit cards, charge cards, or  
2 debit cards in payment for goods and services ~~upon the~~  
3 ~~recommendation of the Office of Planning and Budgeting and~~  
4 with the prior approval of the Treasurer. When the Internet or  
5 other related electronic methods are to be used as the  
6 collection medium, the State Technology Office shall review  
7 and recommend to the Treasurer whether to approve the request  
8 with respect to the process or procedure to be used.

9 (3) The Treasurer shall adopt rules governing the  
10 establishment and acceptance of credit cards, charge cards, or  
11 debit cards by state agencies or the judicial branch,  
12 including, but not limited to, the following:

13 (a) Utilization of a standardized contract between the  
14 financial institution or other appropriate intermediaries and  
15 the agency or judicial branch which shall be developed by the  
16 Treasurer or approval by the Treasurer of a substitute  
17 agreement.

18 (b) Procedures which permit an agency or officer  
19 accepting payment by credit card, charge card, or debit card  
20 to impose a convenience fee upon the person making the  
21 payment. However, the total amount of such convenience fees  
22 shall not exceed the total cost to the state agency of  
23 ~~contracting for such card services~~. A convenience fee is not  
24 refundable to the payor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this  
25 section shall not be construed to permit surcharges on any  
26 other credit card purchase in violation of s. 501.0117.

27 (c) All service fees payable pursuant to this section  
28 when practicable shall be invoiced and paid by state warrant  
29 or such other manner that is satisfactory to the Comptroller  
30 in accordance with the time periods specified in s. 215.422.

31 (d) Submission of information to the Treasurer

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1 concerning the acceptance of credit cards, charge cards, or  
 2 debit cards by all state agencies or the judicial branch.  
 3 (e) A methodology for agencies to use when completing  
 4 the cost-benefit analysis referred to in subsection (1). The  
 5 methodology must consider all quantifiable cost reductions,  
 6 other benefits to the agency, and potential impact on general  
 7 revenue. The methodology must also consider nonquantifiable  
 8 benefits such as the convenience to individuals and businesses  
 9 that would benefit from the ability to pay for state goods and  
 10 services through the use of credit cards, charge cards, and  
 11 debit cards.

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 13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, line 5, after the semicolon,

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 20 insert:

21 amending s. 215.322, F.S.; providing intent;  
 22 specifying circumstances under which  
 23 governmental agencies or the judicial branch  
 24 may accept credit cards, charge cards, or debit  
 25 cards; prescribing duties of the State  
 26 Technology Office;

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