

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to possession of stolen credit or debit
 3 cards; amending s. 817.60, F.S.; prohibiting possession of
 4 a stolen credit or debit card in specified circumstances;
 5 providing penalties; providing that a retailer or retail
 6 employee who possesses, receives, or returns a stolen
 7 credit or debit card without knowledge that the card is
 8 stolen or in order to investigate the card's theft or
 9 unlawful use does not commit a violation of the act;
 10 providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 817.60,
 15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 817.60 Theft; obtaining credit card through fraudulent
 17 means.—

18 (8) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A STOLEN CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.—
 19 A person who knowingly possesses, receives, or retains custody
 20 of a credit or debit card that has been taken from the
 21 possession, custody, or control of another without the
 22 cardholder's consent and with the intent to impede the recovery
 23 of the credit or debit card by the cardholder commits unlawful
 24 possession of a stolen credit or debit card and is subject to
 25 the penalties set forth in s. 817.67(2). It is not a violation
 26 of this subsection for a retailer or retail employee, in the
 27 ordinary course of business, to possess, receive, or return a
 28 credit card or debit card that the retailer or retail employee

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29 does not know was stolen or to possess, receive, or retain a
30 credit card or debit card that the retailer or retail employee
31 knows is stolen for the purpose of an investigation into the
32 circumstances regarding the theft of the card or its possible
33 unlawful use.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011.