

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to payment card offenses; amending s.  
 3           817.625, F.S.; revising definitions; revising  
 4           terminology; revising offenses of using a scanning  
 5           device or reencoder with the intent to defraud;  
 6           prohibiting the use of a skimming device with intent  
 7           to defraud; prohibiting the possession, sale, or  
 8           delivery of a skimming device; providing criminal  
 9           penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking the  
 10          offense of possessing, selling, or delivering a  
 11          skimming device on the offense severity ranking chart;  
 12          conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 13          providing an effective date.

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

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 17          Section 1.   Section 817.625, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 18          to read:

19               817.625   Use of scanning device, skimming device, or  
 20          reencoder to defraud; possession of skimming device; penalties.-

21               (1)   As used in this section, the term:

22               (a) ~~(d)~~   "Merchant" means a person who receives from an  
 23          authorized user of a payment card, or someone the person  
 24          believes to be an authorized user, a payment card or information  
 25          from a payment card, or what the person believes to be a payment

26 card or information from a payment card, as the instrument for  
27 obtaining, purchasing, or receiving goods, services, money, or  
28 anything else of value from the person.

29 (b)~~(e)~~ "Payment card" means a credit card, charge card,  
30 debit card, or any other card that is issued to an authorized  
31 card user and that allows the user to obtain, purchase, or  
32 receive goods, services, money, or anything else of value from a  
33 merchant.

34 (c)~~(b)~~ "Reencoder" means an electronic device that places  
35 encoded information from the computer chip, magnetic strip or  
36 stripe, or other storage mechanism of a payment card onto the  
37 computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage  
38 mechanism of a different payment card. The term does not include  
39 a skimming device.

40 (d)~~(a)~~ "Scanning device" means a scanner, reader, or any  
41 other electronic device that may be ~~is~~ used to access, read,  
42 scan, obtain, memorize, or store, temporarily or permanently,  
43 information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or  
44 stripe, or other storage mechanism of a payment card or from  
45 another device that directly reads the information from a  
46 payment card. The term does not include a skimming device.

47 (e) "Skimming device" means a self-contained device that:  
48 1. Is designed to read and store in the device's internal  
49 memory information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip  
50 or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a payment card or from

51 another device that directly reads the information from a  
52 payment card; and

53 2. Is incapable of processing the payment card information  
54 for the purpose of obtaining, purchasing, or receiving goods,  
55 services, money, or anything else of value from a merchant.

56 (2) (a) It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
57 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, for a person  
58 to use:

59 1. A scanning device or skimming device to access, read,  
60 obtain, memorize, or store, temporarily or permanently,  
61 information encoded on the computer chip, magnetic strip or  
62 stripe, or other storage mechanism of a payment card without the  
63 permission of the authorized user of the payment card and with  
64 the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the  
65 authorized user's payment card, or a merchant.

66 2. A reencoder to place information encoded on the  
67 computer chip, magnetic strip or stripe, or other storage  
68 mechanism of a payment card onto the computer chip, magnetic  
69 strip or stripe, or other storage mechanism of a different card  
70 without the permission of the authorized user of the card from  
71 which the information is being reencoded and with the intent to  
72 defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's  
73 payment card, or a merchant.

74 (b) A ~~Any~~ person who violates subparagraph (a)1. or  
75 subparagraph (a)2. a second or subsequent time commits a felony

76 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
 77 775.083, or s. 775.084.

78 (c) It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
 79 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, for a person  
 80 to knowingly possess, sell, or deliver a skimming device. This  
 81 paragraph does not apply to the following individuals while  
 82 acting within the scope of his or her official duties:

83 1. An employee, officer, or agent of:

84 a. A law enforcement agency or criminal prosecuting  
 85 authority for the state or the Federal Government;

86 b. The state courts system as defined in s. 25.382 or the  
 87 federal court system; or

88 c. An executive branch agency in this state.

89 2. A financial or retail security investigator employed by  
 90 a merchant.

91 (d)-(e) A Any person who commits a violation of this  
 92 subsection violates subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2.  
 93 shall also be subject to the provisions of ss. 932.701-932.7062.

94 Section 2. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of  
 95 section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

96 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 97 ranking chart.—

98 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

99 (d) LEVEL 4

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	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
101	316.1935 (3) (a)	2nd	Driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
102	499.0051 (1)	3rd	Failure to maintain or deliver transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statements.
103	499.0051 (5)	2nd	Knowing sale or delivery, or possession with intent to sell, contraband prescription drugs.
104	517.07 (1)	3rd	Failure to register securities.
105	517.12 (1)	3rd	Failure of dealer, associated person, or issuer of securities to register.
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107	784.07 (2) (b)	3rd	Battery of law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.
108	784.074 (1) (c)	3rd	Battery of sexually violent predators facility staff.
109	784.075	3rd	Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.
110	784.078	3rd	Battery of facility employee by throwing, tossing, or expelling certain fluids or materials.
111	784.08 (2) (c)	3rd	Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
112	784.081 (3)	3rd	Battery on specified official or employee.
113	784.082 (3)	3rd	Battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
114	784.083 (3)	3rd	Battery on code inspector.
	784.085	3rd	Battery of child by throwing,

tossing, projecting, or  
expelling certain fluids or  
materials.

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787.03(1) 3rd Interference with custody;  
wrongly takes minor from  
appointed guardian.

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787.04(2) 3rd Take, entice, or remove child  
beyond state limits with  
criminal intent pending custody  
proceedings.

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787.04(3) 3rd Carrying child beyond state  
lines with criminal intent to  
avoid producing child at  
custody hearing or delivering  
to designated person.

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787.07 3rd Human smuggling.

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790.115(1) 3rd Exhibiting firearm or weapon  
within 1,000 feet of a school.

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790.115(2)(b) 3rd Possessing electric weapon or

device, destructive device, or  
other weapon on school  
property.

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790.115 (2) (c) 3rd Possessing firearm on school  
property.

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800.04 (7) (c) 3rd Lewd or lascivious exhibition;  
offender less than 18 years.

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810.02 (4) (a) 3rd Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an unoccupied  
structure; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

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810.02 (4) (b) 3rd Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an unoccupied  
conveyance; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

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810.06 3rd Burglary; possession of tools.

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810.08 (2) (c) 3rd Trespass on property, armed  
with firearm or dangerous  
weapon.



127	812.014 (2) (c) 3.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree \$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
128	812.014 (2) (c) 4.-10.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree, a will, firearm, motor vehicle, livestock, etc.
129	812.0195 (2)	3rd	Dealing in stolen property by use of the Internet; property stolen \$300 or more.
130	817.563 (1)	3rd	Sell or deliver substance other than controlled substance agreed upon, excluding s. 893.03 (5) drugs.
131	817.568 (2) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information.
132	817.625 (2) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of scanning device, <u>skimming device</u> , or reencoder.
133	<u>817.625 (2) (c)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Possess, sell, or deliver</u>

skimming device.

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828.125 (1) 2nd Kill, maim, or cause great  
bodily harm or permanent  
breeding disability to any  
registered horse or cattle.

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837.02 (1) 3rd Perjury in official  
proceedings.

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837.021 (1) 3rd Make contradictory statements  
in official proceedings.

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838.022 3rd Official misconduct.

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839.13 (2) (a) 3rd Falsifying records of an  
individual in the care and  
custody of a state agency.

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839.13 (2) (c) 3rd Falsifying records of the  
Department of Children and  
Families.

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843.021 3rd Possession of a concealed  
handcuff key by a person in

custody.

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843.025 3rd Deprive law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer of means of protection or communication.

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843.15(1)(a) 3rd Failure to appear while on bail for felony (bond estreature or bond jumping).

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847.0135(5)(c) 3rd Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender less than 18 years.

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874.05(1)(a) 3rd Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.

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893.13(2)(a)1. 2nd Purchase of cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (b), or (d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)4. drugs).

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914.14(2) 3rd Witnesses accepting bribes.

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147	914.22 (1)	3rd	Force, threaten, etc., witness, victim, or informant.
148	914.23 (2)	3rd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.
149	918.12	3rd	Tampering with jurors.
150	934.215	3rd	Use of two-way communications device to facilitate commission of a crime.
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152	(e) LEVEL 5		
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	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
154	316.027 (2) (a)	3rd	Accidents involving personal injuries other than serious bodily injury, failure to stop; leaving scene.
155	316.1935 (4) (a)	2nd	Aggravated fleeing or eluding.

156	316.80 (2)	2nd	Unlawful conveyance of fuel; obtaining fuel fraudulently.
157	322.34 (6)	3rd	Careless operation of motor vehicle with suspended license, resulting in death or serious bodily injury.
158	327.30 (5)	3rd	Vessel accidents involving personal injury; leaving scene.
159	379.365 (2) (c) 1.	3rd	Violation of rules relating to: willful molestation of stone crab traps, lines, or buoys; illegal bartering, trading, or sale, conspiring or aiding in such barter, trade, or sale, or supplying, agreeing to supply, aiding in supplying, or giving away stone crab trap tags or certificates; making, altering, forging, counterfeiting, or reproducing stone crab trap tags; possession of forged,

counterfeit, or imitation stone crab trap tags; and engaging in the commercial harvest of stone crabs while license is suspended or revoked.

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379.367 (4) 3rd Willful molestation of a commercial harvester's spiny lobster trap, line, or buoy.

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379.407 (5) (b) 3. 3rd Possession of 100 or more undersized spiny lobsters.

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381.0041 (11) (b) 3rd Donate blood, plasma, or organs knowing HIV positive.

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440.10 (1) (g) 2nd Failure to obtain workers' compensation coverage.

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440.105 (5) 2nd Unlawful solicitation for the purpose of making workers' compensation claims.

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440.381 (2) 2nd Submission of false, misleading, or incomplete

information with the purpose of  
avoiding or reducing workers'  
compensation premiums.

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624.401(4)(b)2. 2nd Transacting insurance without a  
certificate or authority;  
premium collected \$20,000 or  
more but less than \$100,000.

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626.902(1)(c) 2nd Representing an unauthorized  
insurer; repeat offender.

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790.01(2) 3rd Carrying a concealed firearm.

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790.162 2nd Threat to throw or discharge  
destructive device.

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790.163(1) 2nd False report of bomb,  
explosive, weapon of mass  
destruction, or use of firearms  
in violent manner.

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790.221(1) 2nd Possession of short-barreled  
shotgun or machine gun.

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173	790.23	2nd	Felons in possession of firearms, ammunition, or electronic weapons or devices.
174	796.05 (1)	2nd	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 1st offense.
175	800.04 (6) (c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender less than 18 years of age.
176	800.04 (7) (b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition; offender 18 years of age or older.
177	806.111 (1)	3rd	Possess, manufacture, or dispense fire bomb with intent to damage any structure or property.
178	812.0145 (2) (b)	2nd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$10,000 or more but less than \$50,000.
	812.015 (8)	3rd	Retail theft; property stolen



is valued at \$300 or more and  
one or more specified acts.

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812.019 (1) 2nd Stolen property; dealing in or  
trafficking in.

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812.131 (2) (b) 3rd Robbery by sudden snatching.

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812.16 (2) 3rd Owning, operating, or  
conducting a chop shop.

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817.034 (4) (a) 2. 2nd Communications fraud, value  
\$20,000 to \$50,000.

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817.234 (11) (b) 2nd Insurance fraud; property value  
\$20,000 or more but less than  
\$100,000.

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817.2341 (1), 3rd Filing false financial  
(2) (a) & statements, making false  
(3) (a) entries of material fact or  
false statements regarding  
property values relating to the  
solvency of an insuring entity.

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186	817.568 (2) (b)	2nd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information; value of benefit, services received, payment avoided, or amount of injury or fraud, \$5,000 or more or use of personal identification information of 10 or more persons.
187	817.611 (2) (a)	2nd	Traffic in or possess 5 to 14 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.
188	817.625 (2) (b)	2nd	Second or subsequent fraudulent use of scanning device, <u>skimming device</u> , or reencoder.
189	825.1025 (4)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	827.071 (4)	2nd	Possess with intent to promote any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which

includes sexual conduct by a child.

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827.071 (5) 3rd Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes sexual conduct by a child.

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839.13 (2) (b) 2nd Falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency involving great bodily harm or death.

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843.01 3rd Resist officer with violence to person; resist arrest with violence.

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847.0135 (5) (b) 2nd Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender 18 years or older.

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847.0137 3rd Transmission of pornography by (2) & (3) electronic device or equipment.

195	847.0138 (2) & (3)	3rd	Transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.
196	874.05 (1) (b)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.
197	874.05 (2) (a)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting person under 13 years of age to join a criminal gang.
198	893.13 (1) (a) 1.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03 (1) (a), (1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a), (2) (b), or (2) (c) 4. drugs).
199	893.13 (1) (c) 2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 5., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,

(2) (c) 9., (3), or (4) drugs) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or community center.

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893.13(1)(d)1.            1st    Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)4. drugs) within 1,000 feet of university.

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893.13(1)(e)2.            2nd    Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)5., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (3), or (4) within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.

