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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is **Bill No. 256(EC)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER **43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SKIMMING**" which was signed into law on January 30, 2009 as **Public Law 29-142**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

*I Maga'låhen Guåhan* Governor of Guam

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## I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 256 (EC), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SKIMMING," was on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:  Tina Rose Muña Barnes Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen Guåhan</i> th	day of <u>Dec</u> , 2008, at day of <u>Dec</u> , 2008, at Assistant Staff Officer
APPROVED:	Maga'lahi's Office
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### I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 256 (EC)

As amended.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SKIMMING.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. A new Article 3 is *added* to Chapter 43 of Title 9, Guam Code
- 3 Annotated, to read:
- 4 "Article 3
- 5 Anti-Skimming Act
- 6 §43300. Purpose. This Article criminalizes the use of a scanning
- 7 device or re-encoder to capture encoded information from a magnetic strip from a

- 1 credit, debit, or other payment card and then places it on a different credit, debit,
- 2 or other payment card with the intent to defraud.

Short Title. This Article *shall* be cited as the "Anti-Skimming Act."

#### **§43302. Definitions.** As used in this Article:

- (a) Scanning device means a scanner, reader or any other electronic device that is used to access, read, scan, obtain, memorize or store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the magnetic strip or stripe of a payment card.
- (b) Re-encoder means an electronic device that places encoded information from the magnetic strip or stripe of a payment card onto the magnetic strip or stripe of a different payment card.
- (c) Payment card means a credit card, charge card, debit card, hotel key card, stored value card or any other card that is issued to an authorized card user and that allows the user to obtain, purchase or receive goods, services, money or anything else of value from a merchant.
- (d) *Merchant* is defined as an owner *or* operator of any retail mercantile establishment, *or* any agent, employee, lessee, consignee, officer, director, franchisee *or* independent contractor of such owner *or* operator. A *merchant* means a person who receives from an authorized user of a payment card *or* someone the person believes to be an authorized user, a payment card *or* information from a payment card *or* what the person believes to be a payment card *or* information from a payment card as the instrument for obtaining, purchasing *or* receiving goods, services, money *or* anything else of value from the person.

(e) Authorized card user means any person with the empowerment, permission or competence to act in the usage of any payment card to include, but not be limited to, a credit card, debit card, hotel key card, stored value card or any other card that allows the user to obtain, purchase or receive goods, services, money or anything else of value from a merchant.

- **§43303. Penalties.** (a) It is a felony of the third degree felony for a person to use:
  - (1) A scanning device to access, read, obtain, memorize *or* store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the magnetic strip *or* stripe of a payment card without the permission of the authorized user of the payment card and with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's payment card *or* a merchant.
  - (2) A re-encoder to place information encoded on the magnetic strip *or* stripe of a payment card onto the magnetic strip *or* stripe of a different card without the permission of the authorized user of the card from which the information is being re-encoded and with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's payment card *or* a merchant.
- (b) Any person who violates subparagraph (a)(1) or (2) a second or subsequent time commits a second degree felony."