

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 11403**



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Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**  
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Due to the advancement of technology, it cannot be denied that the use of credit cards has become indispensable in making consumer credit readily available to all Filipinos. It allowed Filipinos to transact conveniently without the need to shell out cash, plan purchases, and subsequently avail of advantageous rates in their purchases.

With this growth in credit card use, some Filipinos have been taken advantaged by malicious and nefarious groups by noting their credit card information and details and have used these cards for their own gain. Fraudsters can get hold of one's personal information in many ways, from hacking retailers to buying one's data on the dark web, a shady corner of the internet that's not accessible via search engines like Google. Or criminals can trick one into handing over your information through online scams.

This is why we need to introduce more measures to protect consumers who are availing these credit card services. While there are laws currently in place that already aim to protect the consumers, the growing number of people being victimized despite these measures shows the need to introduce further programs and practices that will allow the public to trust the banking system and the convenience of using credit cards.

It is for these foregoing premises that approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10870 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY REGULATION LAW**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Amendments to the Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Law.”

**SECTION 2.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10870 otherwise known as the Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Law shall be amended to read as follows and the subparagraphs renumbered accordingly:

(a) xxx  
xxx

(l) *Handheld Credit Card Terminal* refers to the device used that an employee of the establishment can bring along with which credit cards can make electronic funds transfers;

(m) xxx  
xxx”

**SECTION 3.** A new section, Section 16-A, is inserted after Section 16 of Republic Act No. 10870, to read as follows:

“SECTION 16-A. Use of Credit Cards in Establishments. - All establishments should have handheld credit card terminals where the credit card will be swiped in front of the customer to prevent cases of fraud and any other abuse related to credit card use. These establishments who are taking payments through the use of credit cards are mandated to comply with the provisions of this Act.”

**SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts unaffected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,