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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Third-parties should not be permitted to give personal information about a credit or debit cardholder to the issuer of the card. The cardholder is ultimately responsible for the use of the card, and their credit history is affected by any use of or changes to the account. Any errors in the information provided by a third-party might be recorded on a consumer credit report, where even providing a different street address can affect a consumer's credit history. Also, if a third-party were permitted to give the address of the cardholder to the issuer, they might be able to divert monthly statements to another address or raise the limit of the line of credit attached to the card.

This bill would not limit the transmittal of financial or transaction information by merchants or businesses; because the transmittal of these types of information is necessary for the use of credit and debit cards. What this legislation recognizes is the fact that the cardholder is ultimately responsible for the use of their card, hence making them the sole source of personal information about themselves.<sup>\*</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> This bill was originally filed in the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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| 5           | I ERSONAL INFORMATION                                                                         |
| 4           | SECTION 1. Prohibited User Information Requests Issuers of Credit/Debit                       |
| 5           | Cards are prohibited from knowingly accepting or soliciting the personal information of a     |
| 6           | card holder from a third-party.                                                               |
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| 7           | SECTION 2. Penalty. – Upon conviction of a violation of this Act, a fine of One               |
| 8           | Hundred Thousand Pesos (#100,000.00) per occurrence shall be imposed.                         |
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| 9           | SECTION 3. Repealing Clause All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations                  |
| 10          | or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended    |
| 11          | or modified accordingly.                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                               |
| 12          | SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days           |
| 13          | following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general         |
|             |                                                                                               |
| 14          | circulation.                                                                                  |

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