

A bill for an act
relating to commerce; regulating access devices; establishing liability for
security breaches; providing enforcement powers; proposing coding for new law
in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[325E.64] ACCESS DEVICES; BREACH OF SECURITY.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
subdivision have the meanings given them.

(b) "Access device" means a card issued by a financial institution that contains a
magnetic stripe, microprocessor chip, or other means for storage of information which
includes, but is not limited to, a credit card, debit card, or stored value card.

(c) "Breach of the security of the system" has the meaning given in section 325E.61,
subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

(d) "Card security code" means the three-digit or four-digit value printed on an
access device or contained in the microprocessor chip of an access device which is used to
validate access device information during the authorization process.

(e) "Financial institution" means any office of a bank, bank and trust, trust company
with banking powers, savings bank, industrial loan company, savings association, credit
union, or regulated lender.

(f) "Microprocessor chip data" means the data contained in the microprocessor
chip of an access device.

(g) "Magnetic stripe data" means the data contained in the magnetic stripe of an
access device.

(h) "PIN" means a personal identification code that identifies the cardholder.

(i) "PIN verification code data" means the data used to verify cardholder identity when a PIN is used in a transaction.

(j) "Service provider" means a person or entity that stores, processes, or transmits access device data on behalf of another person or entity.

Subd. 2. Security or identification information; retention prohibited. No person or entity conducting business in Minnesota that accepts an access device in connection with a transaction shall retain the card security code data, the PIN verification code data, or the full contents of any track of magnetic stripe data, subsequent to the authorization of the transaction. A person or entity is in violation of this section if its service provider retains such data subsequent to the authorization of the transaction.

Subd. 3. Liability. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or contract and in addition to any other liability of a person or entity, whenever there is a breach of the security of the system of a person or entity that has violated this section, or that person's or entity's service provider, that person or entity shall reimburse the financial institution that issued any access devices affected by the breach for the costs of reasonable actions undertaken by the financial institution as a result of the breach in order to protect the information of its cardholders or to continue to provide services to cardholders, including but not limited to, any cost incurred in connection with:

(1) the cancellation or reissuance of any access device affected by the breach;

(2) the closure of any deposit, transaction, share draft, or other accounts affected by the breach and any action to stop payments or block transactions with respect to the accounts;

(3) the opening or reopening of any deposit, transaction, share draft, or other accounts affected by the breach;

(4) any refund or credit made to a cardholder to cover the cost of any unauthorized transaction relating to the breach; and

(5) the notification of cardholders affected by the breach.

Subd. 4. Remedies. (a) Any person injured by a violation of the standards, duties, prohibitions, or requirements of this section has a private right of action and the court shall award:

(1) actual, incidental, and consequential damages; and

(2) court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

(b) A person injured by a violation of the standards, duties, prohibitions, or requirements of this section also may bring an action under section 8.31. A private right of action by a borrower under this chapter is in the public interest.

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- 3.1 (c) The remedies provided in this section are cumulative and do not restrict any
3.2 other right or remedy otherwise available to the borrower.