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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Calhoun County; to authorize the sheriff and commissioner of licenses to obtain and use a credit card for official uses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "credit card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic lender or credit card bank.

(b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of tangible personal property or services approved by the sheriff, in Calhoun County the sheriff may establish procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a credit card issued to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff shall adopt written policies and procedures governing the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

(1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual purchase which may be made with a credit card.

(2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit



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29 card charges.

30 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff has sole  
31 access to any credit card, credit card number, access code, or  
32 security code.

33 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all  
34 purchases made with a credit card which shall be periodically  
35 reviewed during required audits.

36 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are  
37 carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to ensure that no  
38 unauthorized charges appear on any bill.

39 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are  
40 paid in full on a timely basis each month to avoid service  
41 charges, late fees, or interest payments.

42 (c) The sheriff shall select the credit card provider  
43 or providers taking into consideration each of the following:

44 (1) Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual  
45 fee to use the account.

46 (2) Whether the credit card issuer offers rewards or  
47 rebates based upon purchases made using the account.

48 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance  
49 charges, or late fees that may be assessed in the event a bill  
50 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not  
51 paid in full each month.

52 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against  
53 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the  
54 credit card account.

55 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the  
56 sheriff.



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57 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or  
58 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates  
59 earned from the card shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement  
60 Fund or redeemed for a legitimate public purpose.

61 Section 2. (a) For the purpose of this section, "credit  
62 card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic lender or  
63 credit card bank, and "commissioner" means the Commissioner of  
64 Licenses in Calhoun County.

65 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of  
66 tangible personal property or services approved by the  
67 commissioner, the commissioner may establish procedures to  
68 make certain purchases through the use of a credit card issued  
69 to the commissioner. The commissioner shall adopt written  
70 policies and procedures governing the use of credit cards  
71 which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

72 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual  
73 purchase which may be made with a credit card.

74 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that  
75 may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration  
76 the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit  
77 card charges.

78 (3) Procedures to ensure that the commissioner has sole  
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102 the commissioner in the event he or she decides to terminate  
103 the credit card account.

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105 commissioner.

106 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or  
107 rebates based on the use of the card, any rewards or rebates  
108 earned from the card shall be credited against the balance of  
109 the credit card account or redeemed for a legitimate public  
110 purpose.

111 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first  
112 day of the third month following its passage and approval by



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113 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.