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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE (for himself, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. TERRY, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. McHENRY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SODREL, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. PITTS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. PENCE, Mr. HENSARLING, and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

To require Government credit card bills to be made available  
to the public, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Government Credit  
5 Card Sunshine Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO MAKE GOVERNMENT CREDIT**  
2 **CARD BILLS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.**

3 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—With respect to each Govern-  
4 ment credit card, the Federal department or agency em-  
5 ploying the Federal employee using the card shall make  
6 publicly available the information described in subsection  
7 (b) within 15 business days after receipt (by the Govern-  
8 ment or the employee, as the case may be) of any bill for  
9 purchases made with the card.

10 (b) **INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.**—

11 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The information to be made  
12 available under subsection (a) is the following, with  
13 respect to each Government credit card bill:

14 (A) A list of each purchase made.

15 (B) The amount of each purchase made.

16 (2) **REMOVAL OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.**—In  
17 making the information described in paragraph (1)  
18 available, the Federal department or agency shall re-  
19 move the account number of the credit card and any  
20 information that personally identifies the employee  
21 involved.

22 (c) **METHOD OF AVAILABILITY.**—The information to  
23 be made available under subsection (a) shall be posted on  
24 the official website of the Inspector General of the Federal  
25 department or agency concerned.

1           (d) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of a department or  
2 head of an agency may omit information otherwise re-  
3 quired to be made available under subsection (a) if the  
4 Secretary or head determines that it is necessary in the  
5 interests of national security.

6           (e) DISCIPLINARY ACTION.—In the case of a fraudu-  
7 lent use of a Government credit card that involves a pur-  
8 chase in an amount greater than \$500, the employee mak-  
9 ing the purchase is subject to termination of employment  
10 with the Federal Government, a requirement to reimburse  
11 the Government for the item purchased, return of the item  
12 purchased (if appropriate). and such other disciplinary ac-  
13 tions as the Secretary of the Department concerned or  
14 head of the agency concerned considers appropriate.

15           (f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Govern-  
16 ment credit card” means either of the following:

17           (1) A Governmentwide commercial purchase  
18 card.

19           (2) A travel charge card established pursuant to  
20 the United States Travel and Transportation Pay-  
21 ment and Expense Control System, or any Federal  
22 contractor-issued travel charge card, for payments of  
23 expenses of official Government travel.

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