



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 484**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Rep. Brenner

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes the use of credit cards by city and general health districts.
  - Specifies the misuse of a credit card by a health district officer or employee with purpose to defraud is a criminal offense.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Health district credit cards**

The bill allows the board of a city or general health district to authorize its officers and employees to use a district credit card. The card can be used only for work-related expenses and the debt must be paid from money the board appropriates for the expenses. Card users are liable personally and through officials bonds; the bill does not limit other types of liability. The county prosecutor must recover from a card user by civil action any unauthorized amounts. A card user who suspects the loss, theft, or unauthorized use of a card must notify the board immediately in writing; the card user may be liable personally and through any official bond for up to \$50 of unauthorized charges incurred before the board receives the written notice. Finally, the bill specifies that a card user who misuses a card with purpose to defraud violates the existing criminal offense of "misuse of credit cards,"<sup>1</sup> for which the punishment varies based on the amount of purchases, ranging from first degree misdemeanor to third degree felony.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2913.21, not in the bill.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3709.42.

The authority granted by the bill is similar to that held under existing law by townships, township park districts, soil and water conservation districts, general park districts, agricultural societies, and libraries.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	01-30-18

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 505.64, 511.234, 940.11, 1545.072, 1711.131, and 3375.392, respectively, not in the bill.

