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LEGISLATIVE BILL 955

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to business practices; to require certain
- 2 notice to purchasers of gift certificates and gift cards; and to
- 3 provide penalties.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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- 1 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, gift certificate or
- 2 gift card means a certificate, electronic card, or other prefunded record
- 3 that (a) is usable at a single merchant or an affiliated group of
- 4 merchants that share the same name, mark, or logo, or is usable at
- 5 multiple, unaffiliated merchants or service providers, (b) is issued in a
- 6 specified amount, (c) may or may not be increased in value or reloaded,
- 7 (d) is purchased or loaded on a prepaid basis for the future purchase or
- 8 <u>delivery of any goods or services, and (e) is honored upon presentation.</u>
- 9 (2) No person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability
- 10 company, corporation, or other business entity shall sell a gift
- 11 <u>certificate or gift card to a purchaser unless, at the location where the</u>
- 12 sale occurs, the following notice is provided:
- 13 <u>"Protect yourself from prepaid card scams, including requests</u>
- 14 related to lotteries, taxes, employment status, or utility payments. Do
- 15 not provide any prepaid card information to someone you do not know,
- 16 including the PIN number or card number. If you feel that you are a
- 17 victim of fraud, contact local law enforcement."
- 18 (3) The notice required pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
- 19 shall be provided as follows:
- 20 (a) If the person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability
- 21 company, corporation, or other business entity has an electronic payment
- 22 system screen, notice may be given on such screen to the purchaser before
- 23 finalizing payment; or
- 24 (b) If the person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability
- 25 company, corporation, or other business entity does not have an
- 26 electronic payment system screen or does not wish to provide notice on an
- 27 <u>electronic payment system screen, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous</u>
- 28 manner in the location where the sale occurs.
- 29 <u>(4) The Attorney General shall enforce this section and may recover</u>
- 30 a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation and
- 31 seek equitable relief to restrain any violation.