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A BILL

To amend section 3709.01 and to enact section 1
3709.42 of the Revised Code to authorize local 2
health districts to use credit cards in 3
accordance with prescribed requirements and to 4
specify how a local health district may identify 5
itself. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3709.01 be amended and section 7
3709.42 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3709.01. The state shall be divided into health 9
districts. Each city constitutes a health district and shall be 10
~~known-referred to~~ as a "city health district-" under the Revised 11
Code. 12

The townships and villages in each county shall be 13
combined into a health district and shall be ~~known-referred to~~ 14
as a "general health district-" under the Revised Code. 15

As provided for in sections 3709.051, 3709.07, and 3709.10 16
of the Revised Code, there may be a union of two or more general 17
health districts, a union of two or more city health districts 18

to form a single city health district, or a union of a general health district and one or more city health districts located within or partially within such general health district.

A health district may identify itself as a health district, health department, department of health, or a name including the term "public health."

Sec. 3709.42. (A) A board of health of a city or general health district may authorize an officer or employee of the health district to use a credit card held by the health district in accordance with this section. Not later than three months after the effective date of this section, a board of health that holds a credit card account on the effective date of this section shall adopt a written policy for the use of credit card accounts. Otherwise, a board of health shall adopt a written policy before first holding a credit card account.

The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the following:

(1) The officers or positions authorized to use credit card accounts;

(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account may be used;

(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of a credit card account and presentation instruments related to the account including cards and checks;

(4) The procedure for submitting itemized receipts to the custodian of the health fund of the health district or the custodian's designee;

(5) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card

reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for 47
reporting lost or stolen credit cards; 48

(6) The health district's credit card account's maximum 49
credit limit or limits; 50

(7) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee 51
that qualify as misuse of a credit card account. 52

(B) The name of the health district shall appear on each 53
presentation instrument related to the account including cards 54
and checks. 55

(C) If the custodian of the health fund of the health 56
district does not retain general possession and control of the 57
credit card account and presentation instruments related to the 58
account including cards and checks, the board of health shall 59
appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties enumerated 60
under division (D) of this section. The compliance officer may 61
not use a credit card account and may not authorize an officer 62
or employee to use a credit card account. The custodian is not 63
eligible for appointment as compliance officer. 64

(D) The compliance officer, if applicable, and the board 65
of health at least quarterly shall review the number of cards 66
and accounts issued, the number of active cards and accounts 67
issued, the cards' and accounts' expiration dates, and the 68
cards' and accounts' credit limits. 69

(E) If the custodian of the health fund of the health 70
district retains general possession and control of the credit 71
card account and presentation instruments related to the account 72
including cards and checks, and the board of health authorizes 73
an officer or employee to use a credit card, the custodian may 74
use a system to sign out credit cards to the authorized users. 75

The officer or employee is liable in person and upon any 76
official bond the officer or employee has given to the health 77
district to reimburse the health fund of the health district the 78
amount for which the officer or employee does not provide 79
itemized receipts in accordance with the policy described in 80
division (A) of this section. 81

(F) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond 82
those authorized by the board of health constitutes misuse of a 83
credit card account. An officer or employee of a health district 84
or a public servant as defined under section 2921.01 of the 85
Revised Code who knowingly misuses a credit card account held by 86
the board of health violates section 2913.21 of the Revised 87
Code. 88

(G) The custodian of the health fund of the health 89
district or the custodian's designee annually shall file a 90
report with the board of health detailing all rewards received 91
based on the use of the health district's credit card account. 92

(H) As used in this section, "credit card account" means 93
any bank-issued credit card account, store-issued credit card 94
account, financial institution-issued credit card account, 95
financial depository-issued credit card account, affinity credit 96
card account, or any other card account allowing the holder to 97
purchase goods or services on credit or to transact with the 98
account, and any debit or gift card account related to the 99
receipt of grant moneys. "Credit card account" does not include 100
a procurement card account, gasoline or telephone credit card 101
account, or any other card account where merchant category codes 102
are in place as a system of control for use of the card account. 103

Section 2. That existing section 3709.01 of the Revised 104
Code is hereby repealed. 105