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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER
AND IMPLEMENT SECURE PAYMENT TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT STATE
GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, DiPalma, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: January 21, 2016

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Identity crimes, including credit, debit, and other payment card fraud
2 continue to plague consumers and the country's economic activities; and

3 WHEREAS, In many states, including Rhode Island, banks are issuing chip-and-
4 signature cards, that do not require a PIN. These cards are far less secure because signatures can
5 be easily forged, in fact, the Federal Reserve has reported that transactions utilizing a card
6 containing a PIN are up to 700 percent more secure; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 17, 2014, President Obama signed an executive order making
8 chip-and-PIN technology the standard for the federal government's card-based transactions; and

9 WHEREAS, As of January 1st of 2015, government payment cards, equipped with chip-
10 and-PIN technology were issued, and an EMV card-replacement program began for existing
11 government payment cards; and

12 WHEREAS, Rhode Island government and Rhode Island's financial institutions need to
13 follow the lead of our federal government and provide both the private and public sectors in our
14 state with the very best consumer financial security available; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby respectfully requests the Governor and the Director of the Department of Administration
17 to consider and implement secure payment technology throughout state government and its
18 services; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Governor Gina Raimondo and the Director of
3 the Rhode Island Department of Administration.

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