



# State of North Carolina Office of the State Controller

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**MEMORANDUM NO. SAD 04-25**

**TO:** Chief Fiscal Officers  
Vice Chancellors  
Business Managers  
EPP - Credit Card Contacts

**FROM:** John Barfield  
Assistant State Controller

**SUBJECT:** Truncation of Credit, Charge, or Debit Numbers on Sale Receipts

The General Assembly passed Session Law 2003-206 that prohibits a person that accepts credit, charge, or debit cards for business transactions from printing more than five digits of a buyer's card number on the sales receipt or the expiration date on the sales receipts. Session Law 2003-206 also prohibits a person selling a cash register or any electronic device that electronically prints receipts of credit, charge, or debit cards that cannot be programmed or operated to produce a receipt with five or fewer digits of the buyers card number printed on the sales receipt as well as no expiration date. This does not affect a person that only accepts credit, charge, or debit card for business transactions by handwriting or by imprinting the credit, charge, or debit card. Session Law 2003-206 is effective for new business started on or after March 1, 2004. Any credit card applications that were already accepting credit, charge, or debit card transactions prior to March 1, 2004 have until July 1, 2005 to implement this new law. Session Law 2003-206 is located at the following link:

<http://www.ncleg.net/html2003/bills/CurrentVersion/ratified/House/Hbil0357.full.html>.

The Office of the State Controller wants to ensure that all entities on the statewide contract for credit card processing have a smooth transition to comply with this law. Some point of sale equipment will require simply a download to complete this transition while others may require the purchase or lease of new equipment. Please note that all point of sale equipment purchased or rented from the state contract provider since June 2003 has been compliant with this new law. The OSC understands with the replacement of equipment that there may be some budget concerns. Therefore, we are attaching a survey for your completion, which will assist OSC in identifying the current equipment used at your location. Based on the survey results, the OSC will be better able to make recommendations on equipment upgrades. This memo and the attached document may be accessed on the OSC's web page at the following address:

[http://www.osc.state.nc.us/sigdocs/sig\\_docs/sigCurrent\\_Memos.html](http://www.osc.state.nc.us/sigdocs/sig_docs/sigCurrent_Memos.html).

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3512 Bush Street  
Raleigh, NC

The truncation of credit card numbers is identified under G.S. 14-113.24-.25. The OSC appreciates your cooperation in the completion of this request and looks forward to your feedback. Please e-mail the completed survey to Luke Harris <mailto:lharris@mail.osc.state.nc.us> by **Tuesday, May 11, 2004**. If you have any questions, please call Luke Harris at 919-981-5496.

[Attachment](#)