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Bill Summary

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This bill permits a city council to authorize the use of a credit card by a city officer or employee when making purchases on behalf of the city. It provides for the officer or employee to be personally liable for the amount of unauthorized purchases. All laws and policies applicable to city purchasing apply to purchases made with a credit card. Effective immediately.

Background

The 2000 Legislature provided for the same authority for counties. Minn. Stat. § 375.171, provides:

A county board may authorize the use of a credit card by any county officer or employee otherwise authorized to make a purchase on behalf of the county. If a county officer or employee makes a purchase by credit card that is not approved by the county board, the officer or employee is personally liable for the amount of the purchase. A purchase by credit card must otherwise comply with all statutes, rules, or county policy applicable to county purchases.

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