



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB3104

by Rep. Brian W. Stewart

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after January 1, 2018, electronic benefits transfer ("LINK") cards used to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits or cash shall contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and, at the option of the primary cardholder, the names of secondary holders who are authorized to use the card. Establishes that an individual may use the LINK card only if the photo on the card matches the user or he or she presents a current and valid photo identification that confirms he or she is a secondary user listed on the card. Provides that on the effective date of the amendatory Act the Department of Human Services shall begin the process of transitioning to the use of LINK cards which contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and list the names of all authorized users of the card. Requires the transition to be completed no later than January 1, 2018. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 12-4.4a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)

7 Sec. 12-4.4a. SNAP; electronic benefits transfer card;  
8 photo identification.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "LINK card" means an electronic benefits transfer card  
11 issued by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of  
12 enabling the cardholder to obtain SNAP benefits or cash.

13 "SNAP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
14 Program.

15 (b) On and after January 1, 2018, LINK cards used to obtain  
16 SNAP benefits or cash shall contain the name and photo of the  
17 primary cardholder. In addition, the card shall contain, at the  
18 option of the primary cardholder, the names of secondary  
19 cardholders who are authorized to use the card to obtain SNAP  
20 benefits or cash. An individual may use the LINK card to obtain  
21 benefits only if:

22 (1) he or she is the primary cardholder listed on the  
23 card and the photo on the card matches the user; or

1           (2) he or she is the secondary cardholder listed on the  
2           card and he or she shows a current and valid photo  
3           identification that confirms he or she is a secondary user  
4           listed on the card.

5           (c) On the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
6           100th General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall  
7           begin the process of transitioning to the use of LINK cards  
8           which contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and  
9           list the names of all authorized users of the card. This  
10           transition shall be completed no later than January 1, 2018.

11           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12           becoming law.