



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**  
**HB4277**

Introduced 1/30/2004, by Jack D. Franks

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

815 ILCS 505/200 new

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that, if a grocery store offers a reduced price on an item to consumers who present discount cards, it must also offer the same reduced price on that item to a consumer who does not present a discount card but pays for the item with a Link Card or other access device issued by a government agency to recipients of food stamp benefits or other assistance. Provides that a violation is an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning business transactions.

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

4 Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business  
5 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 200 as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/200 new)

7 Sec. 200. Link Cards; discount cards.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Grocery store" means a store or a department within a  
10 general merchandise store that is engaged in the retail sale of  
11 packaged food directly to the consumer for off-premises  
12 consumption. "Grocery store" does not include a store that is  
13 engaged primarily in the sale of food prepared for consumption:

14 (1) on the premises; or

15 (2) after removal from the premises on a "take out"  
16 basis.

17 "Discount card" means a card that a grocery store issues  
18 without a fee to any consumer upon request that may be  
19 presented by the consumer to purchase certain items at a  
20 reduced price in the grocery store. "Discount card" does not  
21 include a card that is issued only upon payment of a fee.

22 (b) If a grocery store offers a reduced price on an item to  
23 consumers who present discount cards, it must also offer the  
24 same reduced price on that item to a consumer who does not  
25 present a discount card but pays for the item with a Link Card  
26 or other access device issued by a government agency to  
27 recipients of food stamp benefits or other assistance.

28 (c) A person who violates this Section commits an unlawful  
29 practice within the meaning of this Act.

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
31 becoming law.