



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB0161

Introduced 1/18/2011, by Rep. Chapin Rose

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that every electronic benefits transfer ("LINK") card issued on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of enabling the cardholder to obtain food stamp benefits or cash must include on the card's face a photograph of the cardholder. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Department shall replace every still-valid card issued before that date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the cardholder.

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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. Food stamps; electronic benefits transfer  
8 card.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Cardholder" means the person to whom or for whose benefit  
11 the Department issues an electronic benefits transfer card for  
12 the purpose of obtaining food stamp benefits or cash.

13 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

14 "LINK card" means an electronic benefits transfer card  
15 issued by the Department for the purpose of enabling the  
16 cardholder to obtain food stamp benefits or cash.

17 (b) Every LINK card issued on or after the effective date  
18 of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly must  
19 include on the card's face a photograph of the cardholder.

20 (c) Within 6 months after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Department  
22 shall replace every still-valid LINK card issued before that  
23 date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the

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