



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SB2043

Introduced 2/10/2011, by Sen. Kyle McCarter - Carole Pankau

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after January 1, 2012, electronic benefits transfer cards ("LINK") used to obtain SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) benefits or cash shall contain the name and photo of the cardholder. Establishes that an individual may only use the LINK card if the photo on the card matches the user. 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 cardholder. Requires the transition to be completed no later than January 1, 2012. 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 benefits; electronic benefits transfer
8 card.

9 (a) In this Section, "LINK card" means an electronic
10 benefits transfer card issued by the Department of Human
11 Services for the purpose of enabling a user of the card to
12 obtain SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) benefits or cash.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2012, LINK cards used to obtain
14 SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) benefits or cash shall
15 contain the name and photo of the cardholder. An individual may
16 use the LINK card to obtain benefits only if he or she is the
17 cardholder listed on the card and the photo on the card matches
18 the user.

19 (c) On the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
20 97th General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall
21 begin the process of transitioning to the use of LINK cards
22 which contain the name and photo of the cardholder. This
23 transition shall be completed no later than January 1, 2012.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.