



Human Services Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4756

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4756 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Farmers' Market Technology Improvement Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Farmers' market" means a common facility or area that has  
8 been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture's  
9 Food and Nutrition Service where several farmers or growers  
10 gather on a regular, recurring basis to sell a variety of fresh  
11 fruits and vegetables and other locally-grown farm products  
12 directly to consumers. The term "farmers' market" includes  
13 nontraditional fresh food markets.

14 "LINK card" means an electronic benefits transfer card  
15 issued by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of  
16 enabling a user of the card to obtain SNAP (formerly known as

1 food stamps) benefits or cash.

2 Section 10. Farmers' Market Technology Improvement  
3 Program.

4 (a) The Department of Human Services and the Department of  
5 Agricultural shall implement a Farmers' Market Technology  
6 Improvement Program. The purpose of this program is to increase  
7 access to fresh fruits and vegetables and other LINK eligible  
8 food products, including quality meat and dairy, for all  
9 Illinois residents by allowing LINK program participants to  
10 redeem their SNAP benefits at farmers' markets. The Department  
11 of Human Services and the Department of Agriculture shall  
12 solicit federal and State funding for the purpose of  
13 implementing this program.

14 (b) The Farmers' Market Technology Improvement Fund is  
15 created as a special fund in the State Treasury for the purpose  
16 of implementing the Farmers' Market Technology Improvement  
17 Program. All monies received pursuant to this Act shall be  
18 deposited into the Farmers' Market Technology Improvement  
19 Fund. Funding for the program must be used for one or more of  
20 the following purposes:

21 (1) The purchase or rental of wireless point of sale  
22 terminals capable of processing SNAP benefits disbursed  
23 under the LINK program.

24 (2) Monthly or transaction fees associated with LINK  
25 card transactions. No fees related to credit or debit

1 transactions will be reimbursed.

2 (3) Outreach to LINK program participants.

3 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
4 Section 5.755 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 105/5.755 new)

6 Sec. 5.755. The Farmers' Market Technology Improvement  
7 Fund.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
9 2011.".