



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0010

Introduced 1/12/2011, by Rep. Jim Sacia

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. Requires the Department to issue a caregiver identification card to the facility provider, guardian, or caregiver of a person entitled to benefits funded under the federal Food Stamp Program. Provides that every caregiver identification card must include on its face a current photo of the facility provider, guardian, or caregiver of the person entitled to benefits, the name of the person entitled to benefits, and a statement that clearly identifies the card holder as having the legal capacity to use the named person's LINK card. Further provides that beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act, a facility provider, guardian, or caregiver must present a valid caregiver identification card when using a LINK card to obtain food stamp benefits or cash on behalf of a person entitled to benefits funded under the federal Food Stamp Program.

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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 "Caregiver identification card" means a caregiver photo
14 identification card issued by the Department of Human Services
15 for the purpose of enabling a holder of the card to use a LINK
16 card to obtain food stamp benefits or cash on behalf of a
17 person entitled to benefits funded under the federal Food Stamp
18 Program.

19 "Caregiver" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in
20 Section 12-21 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

21 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

22 "Facility provider" means an individual representing a
23 facility that provides residential services to persons who are

1 developmentally disabled.

2 "Guardian" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in
3 Section 10 of the Health Care Surrogate Act.

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

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

10 (c) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Department
12 shall replace every still-valid LINK card issued before that
13 date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the
14 cardholder.

15 (d) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
16 of the 97th General Assembly, the Department of Human Services
17 shall issue a caregiver identification card to the facility
18 provider, guardian, or caregiver of a person entitled to
19 benefits funded under the federal Food Stamp Program. Every
20 caregiver identification card must include on its face a
21 current photo of the facility provider, guardian, or caregiver
22 of the person entitled to benefits, the name of the person
23 entitled to benefits, and a statement that clearly identifies
24 the card holder as having the legal capacity to use the named
25 person's LINK card. Beginning on the effective date of this
26 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, a facility

1 provider, guardian, or caregiver must present a valid caregiver
2 identification card when using a LINK card to obtain food stamp
3 benefits or cash on behalf of a person entitled to benefits
4 funded under the federal Food Stamp Program.