



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB1235

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 SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps) 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as 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 SNAP benefits or cash on behalf of a person entitled to benefits funded under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance 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. SNAP benefits; 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 SNAP 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 SNAP benefits or cash on behalf of a person
17 entitled to benefits funded under the federal Supplemental
18 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

19 "Caregiver" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in
20 Section 12-21 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

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 SNAP benefits or cash.

7 "SNAP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
8 Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program).

9 (b) Every LINK card issued on or after the effective date
10 of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly must
11 include on the card's face a photograph of the cardholder.

12 (c) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
13 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the Department
14 shall replace every still-valid LINK card issued before that
15 date with a card that includes on its face a photograph of the
16 cardholder.

17 (d) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
18 of the 98th General Assembly, the Department of Human Services
19 shall issue a caregiver identification card to the facility
20 provider, guardian, or caregiver of a person entitled to
21 benefits funded under the federal Supplemental Nutrition
22 Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the federal Food
23 Stamp program). Every caregiver identification card must
24 include on its face a current photo of the facility provider,
25 guardian, or caregiver of the person entitled to benefits, the
26 name of the person entitled to benefits, and a statement that

1 clearly identifies the card holder as having the legal capacity
2 to use the named person's LINK card. Beginning on the effective
3 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, a
4 facility provider, guardian, or caregiver must present a valid
5 caregiver identification card when using a LINK card to obtain
6 SNAP benefits or cash on behalf of a person entitled to
7 benefits funded under the federal Supplemental Nutrition
8 Assistance Program.