



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2723

Introduced 1/12/2024, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Administration Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2025, in order to use a LINK card to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or cash, the user must show a current and valid photo identification. Provides that a person may not use a LINK card to obtain SNAP benefits or cash if: (i) the name on the photo identification presented by the user does not match the name of any person designated on the face of the LINK card as a person entitled to use the card; or (ii) the photo does not match the user of the card. Provides that every LINK card issued by the Department of Human Services on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act must include on its face the name of every household member entitled to use the card. Provides that within 3 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department shall replace every still-valid LINK card issued before that date with a card that includes on its face the name of every person entitled to use that card. Effective immediately.

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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. LINK card; photo identification
8 requirements.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "LINK card" means an
10 electronic benefits transfer card issued by the Department of
11 Human Services for the purpose of enabling a user of the card
12 to obtain SNAP benefits or cash.

13 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, in order to use a LINK card
14 to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
15 benefits or cash, the user must show a current and valid photo
16 identification. A person may not use a LINK card to obtain SNAP
17 benefits or cash if:

18 (1) the name on the photo identification presented by
19 the user does not match the name of any person designated
20 on the face of the LINK card as a person entitled to use
21 the card; or

22 (2) the photo does not match the user of the card.

23 (c) Every LINK card issued by the Department of Human

1 Services on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
2 of the 103rd General Assembly must include on its face the name
3 of every household member entitled to use the card.

4 (d) Within 3 months after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the Department
6 of Human Services shall replace every still-valid LINK card
7 issued before that date with a card that includes on its face
8 the name of every person entitled to use that card.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.