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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EGGLESTON.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.024 and 208.182, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to temporary assistance for needy families benefits, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 208.024 and 208.182, RSMo, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.024, to read as follows:

208.024. 1. Eligible recipients of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or supplementary nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits shall not use such funds in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store, casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment, any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment, or in any place for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, **pornography**, or tobacco products or for any item the department determines by rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the best interests of the child or household. An eligible recipient of TANF or SNAP assistance who makes a purchase in violation of this section shall reimburse the department of social services for such purchase **for the first or second offense. For any third or subsequent offense, the recipient shall lose his or her TANF or SNAP benefits for a period of two years.**

2. An individual, store owner or proprietor of an establishment shall not knowingly accept TANF cash assistance or supplementary nutrition assistance program (SNAP) funds held on electronic benefit transfer cards for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, **pornography**, or tobacco products or for use in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store, casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment, any retail establishment which

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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19 state for entertainment, or in any place for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets,
20 **pornography**, or tobacco products or for any item the department determines by rule is primarily
21 marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the best interests of the child or
22 household. No store owner or proprietor of any liquor store, casino, gambling casino, gaming
23 establishment, or any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which
24 performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment shall adopt any policy,
25 either explicitly or implicitly, which encourages, permits, or acquiesces in its employees
26 knowingly accepting electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this section. [This section
27 shall not be construed to require any store owner or proprietor of an establishment which is not
28 a liquor store, casino, gambling casino, gaming establishment, or retail establishment which
29 provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed
30 state for entertainment to check the source of payment from every individual who purchases
31 alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, tobacco products, or any item the department determines by
32 rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the best interests
33 of the child or household.] An individual, store owner or proprietor of an establishment who
34 knowingly accepts electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this section shall be punished
35 by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense, a fine of not less than five
36 hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for the second offense, and a fine of not less
37 than one thousand dollars for the third or subsequent offense.

38 3. Any recipient of TANF or SNAP benefits who does not make at least one electronic
39 benefit transfer transaction within the state for a period of ninety days shall have his or her
40 benefit payments to the electronic benefit account temporarily suspended, pending an
41 investigation by the department of social services to determine if the recipient is no longer a
42 Missouri resident. If the department finds that the recipient is no longer a Missouri resident, it
43 shall close the recipient's case. Closure of a recipient's case shall trigger the automated benefit
44 eligibility process under section 208.238. A recipient may appeal the closure of his or her case
45 to the director under section 208.080.

46 4. A recipient who does not make an electronic benefit transfer transaction within the
47 state for a period of sixty days shall be provided notice of the possibility of the suspension of
48 funds if no electronic benefit transfer transaction occurs in the state within another thirty days
49 after the date of the notice.

50 5. **No recipient of TANF or SNAP benefits shall use his or her electronic benefit**
51 **transfer (EBT) card at any automated teller machine (ATM), to receive cash back on a**
52 **purchase, or to otherwise access the benefits as cash.**

53 6. For purposes of this section:

54 (1) The following terms shall mean:

55 (a) "Electronic benefit transfer transaction", the use of a credit or debit card service,
56 automated teller machine, point-of-sale terminal, or access to an online system for the
57 withdrawal of funds or the processing of a payment for merchandise or a service; [and]

58 (b) "Liquor store", any retail establishment which sells exclusively or primarily
59 intoxicating liquor. Such term does not include a grocery store which sells both intoxicating
60 liquor and groceries including staple foods as outlined under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008;
61 **and**

62 (c) **"Tobacco products", cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, smokeless tobacco,**
63 **smoking tobacco, vapor products, or any other form of tobacco products or products made**
64 **with tobacco substitute containing nicotine;**

65 (2) Casinos, gambling casinos, or gaming establishments shall not include:

66 (a) A grocery store which sells groceries including staple foods, and which also offers,
67 or is located within the same building or complex as a casino, gambling, or gaming activities;
68 or

69 (b) Any other establishment that offers casino, gambling, or gaming activities incidental
70 to the principal purpose of the business.

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2 [208.182. 1. The family support division shall establish pilot projects in
3 St. Louis City and in any county with a population of six hundred thousand or
4 more, which shall provide for a system of electronic transfer of benefits to public
5 assistance recipients. Such system shall allow recipients to obtain cash from
6 automated teller machines or point of sale terminals. If less than the total amount
7 of benefits is withdrawn, the recipient shall be given a receipt showing the
8 current status of his or her account.

9 2. The disclosure of any information provided to a financial institution,
10 business or vendor by the family support division under this section is prohibited.
11 Such financial institution, business or vendor may not use or sell such
12 information and may not divulge the information without a court order.
13 Violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.

14 3. Subject to appropriations and subject to receipt of waivers from the
15 federal government to prevent the loss of any federal funds, the department of
16 social services shall require the use of photographic identification on electronic
17 benefit transfer cards issued to recipients in this system. Such photographic
18 identification electronic benefit transfer card shall be in a form approved by the
19 department of social services.

20 4. The family support division shall promulgate rules and regulations
21 necessary to implement the provisions of this section pursuant to section 660.017
and chapter 536.

22 5. The delivery of electronic benefits and the electronic eligibility
23 verification, including, but not limited to, aid to families with dependent children
24 (AFDC), women, infants and children (WIC), early periodic screening diagnosis
25 and treatment (EPSDT), food stamps, supplemental security income (SSI),
26 including Medicaid, child support, and other programs, shall reside in one card
27 that may be enabled by function from time to time in a convenient manner.]

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