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In Senate, March 24, 2015

An Act To Prohibit the Use of EBT Cards for Cash Withdrawals

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MASON of Androscoggin,
WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock,
PETERSON of Rumford, VACHON of Scarborough.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 687, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Electronic benefits transfer system or EBT.** "Electronic benefits transfer
5 system" or "EBT" means a system for the delivery of benefits to recipients by means of
6 credit or debit card services, ~~automated teller machines,~~ point of sale devices or access to
7 online systems for ~~the withdrawal of funds or~~ the processing of a payment for
8 merchandise or a service.

9 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

10 **1-A. Cash withdrawals prohibited.** Benefits received through the EBT system
11 may only be redeemed through purchase electronically pursuant to section 21, subsection
12 4 and may not be redeemed for cash.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that benefits received through the electronic benefits transfer
15 system may only be redeemed through purchase by electronic transfer and may not be
16 redeemed for cash.