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Date: 3/23/12

Majority

L.D. 1812  
(Filing No. H-817)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1336, L.D. 1812, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules Governing Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards To Require a Person To Show Photographic Identification When Using a Card"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Submit an Application for a Waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture'**

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal waiver. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an application for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations to the United States Department of Agriculture. The waiver must seek approval for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to require a person to show photographic identification in order to use an electronic benefits transfer card when it is requested in an establishment that accepts Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the application for a waiver by October 1, 2012; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to continue to develop strategies to combat fraud and abuse. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall continue to develop strategies to combat fraud and abuse in the use of electronic benefits transfer cards to access Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its progress in developing new strategies to combat fraud and abuse in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program by December 1, 2012.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an application for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations to the United States Department of Agriculture. The waiver must seek approval for the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to require a person to show photographic identification in order to use an electronic benefits transfer card when it is requested in an establishment that accepts Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to seek the waiver by October 1, 2012. The Department of Health and Human Services is also required to continue to develop strategies to combat fraud and abuse in the use of electronic benefits transfer cards in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program and report its progress in developing new strategies to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by December 1, 2012.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



Approved: 03/15/12 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1812

LR 2711(02)

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules Governing Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards To Require a Person To Show Photographic Identification When Using a Card**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-817)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.