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House of Representatives, March 14, 2013

**An Act To Require That Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cash
Benefits Are Used for the Purpose for Which the Benefits Are
Provided**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARRY of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and
Representatives: CHASE of Wells, COTTA of China, LIBBY of Waterboro, MALABY of
Hancock, McELWEE of Caribou, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough,
Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

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

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

3 **1-A. Cash transactions.** A recipient shall retain a receipt for every cash transaction
4 the recipient makes under the electronic benefits transfer system established under section
5 22 and on a monthly basis remit to the department copies of all receipts on a form
6 provided by the department. If the department determines that a cash transaction of a
7 recipient was improper under state or federal law, the department shall deduct the amount
8 of the transaction from the recipient's benefits under the electronic benefits transfer
9 system for the month subsequent to the determination of an improper transaction.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a recipient of benefits under the electronic benefits transfer system
12 to retain a receipt of every cash transaction the recipient makes under the system and to
13 provide the receipts monthly to the Department of Health and Human Services. This bill
14 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to deduct the amount of a
15 transaction the department determines is improper under state or federal law from the
16 recipient's monthly benefits.