

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1312,  
L.D. 1822, Bill, "An Act To Increase Integrity in the Temporary Assistance for Needy  
Families Program through Restriction of Expenditures "

Amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph in the first 2 lines (page 1,  
lines 12 and 13 in amendment) by striking out the following: "striking out everything  
after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting" and inserting the  
following: 'inserting before section 1'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 11 (page 1, lines 3 to 11  
in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**11. Prohibited expenditures. Retailers and vendors may not accept TANF benefits  
through electronic benefits transfer system debit cards:**

A. To purchase tobacco products, as defined in Title 22, section 1551, subsection 3;

B. To purchase imitation liquor and liquor, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2,  
subsections 13 and 16, respectively;

C. To engage in gambling activity, as defined in Title 8, section 1001, subsection 15;  
or

D. To participate in lotteries conducted by the State pursuant to Title 8, chapter 14-A  
or the Tri-State Lotto Commission pursuant to Title 8, chapter 16.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:'

Amend the amendment in section 4 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 4 in  
amendment) by inserting after the following: "section 23" the following: 'and section  
3763, subsection 11'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter  
or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment provides that retailers and vendors may not accept TANF benefits through electronic benefits transfer system debit cards for tobacco, imitation liquor, liquor, gambling or lotteries.

SPONSORED BY: Dane Russell

(Representative RUSSELL)

TOWN: Portland

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1822

LR 2777(14)

## An Act To Increase Integrity in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program through Restriction of Expenditures

Fiscal Note for House Amendment 'B' to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Russell of Portland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - Federal Block Grant Fund  
Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment may increase the potential for Federal Block Grant Fund savings. Any additional administrative costs for the Department of Health and Human Services are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.