

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 216

In Senate, February 7, 2023

**An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer  
System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to  
Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford,  
LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives:  
ANDREWS of Paris, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3763, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

3 **13. Restriction on use of electronic benefits transfer system outside of Maine,**  
4 **Massachusetts or New Hampshire.** A recipient of benefits under this chapter may not  
5 access those benefits using the electronic benefits transfer system established in section 22  
6 outside of this State, the state of Massachusetts or the state of New Hampshire.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy  
9 Families program, or TANF, from using the electronic benefits transfer system to access  
10 those benefits outside of Maine, the state of Massachusetts or the state of New Hampshire.