

HOUSE BILL No. 5560

February 14, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Reilly, Kelly, Barrett, Howell, Lucido, Runestad, Johnson, Hernandez, Howrylak, LaFave, Inman, Noble, Vaupel, Bizon, Hornberger, Canfield, Rendon, Hoitenga, Frederick, Hughes and Glenn and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding sections 14k and 57w.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 14K. A RECIPIENT OF FOOD ASSISTANCE OR CASH ASSISTANCE
2 BENEFITS SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE CAPTURED OR
3 REPRODUCED UPON ISSUANCE OF A BRIDGE CARD. A PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE
4 CAPTURED OR REPRODUCED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL APPEAR ON THE
5 RECIPIENT'S BRIDGE CARD. IF MORE THAN 1 INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED BY
6 THE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE BRIDGE CARD, BOTH INDIVIDUALS'
7 PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES SHALL APPEAR ON THE BRIDGE CARD.

8 SEC. 57W. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MODIFY THE BRIDGE CARD
9 SOFTWARE SO THAT A CARD ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
10 THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION WILL NOT ALLOW A

1 RECIPIENT TO OBTAIN CASH FROM AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE OR A
2 POINT OF SALE DEVICE.

3 (2) CASH ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS
4 ACT BY MEANS OF A BRIDGE CARD OR OTHERWISE SHALL ONLY BE USED FOR
5 THE FOLLOWING:

6 (A) RENT IF THE LANDLORD IS ENROLLED AS A VENDOR IN THE
7 DEPARTMENT'S RENT VENDORING PROGRAM.

8 (B) PAYMENT TO UTILITY COMPANIES.

9 (C) PAYMENT TO A CHILD CARE PROVIDER.

10 (D) PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS AS ALLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENT
11 AT STATE-APPROVED GROCERY STORES.

12 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISBURSE ALL VENDORED PAYMENTS FIRST,
13 AND ANY ASSISTANCE BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE VENDORED PAYMENTS
14 SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE RECIPIENT ON THE BRIDGE CARD.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days
16 after the date it is enacted into law.