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An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of
Oxford, POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BOYER of
Poland, LIBBY of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 687, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Electronic benefits transfer system or EBT.** "Electronic benefits transfer system"
5 or "EBT" means a system for the delivery of benefits to recipients by means of credit or
6 debit card services, ~~automated teller machines~~, point of sale devices or access to online
7 systems for ~~the withdrawal of funds~~ or the processing of a payment for merchandise or a
8 service.

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

10 **1-A. Cash withdrawals prohibited.** Benefits received through the EBT system may
11 only be redeemed through purchase by electronic transfer and may not be redeemed for
12 cash.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that benefits received through the electronic benefits transfer system
15 may only be redeemed through purchase by electronic transfer and may not be redeemed
16 for cash.