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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 577 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY WARNER, SAYLOR, DUNBAR, GROVE, MOUL, KEEFER,  
DAVANZO, RYAN, IRVIN, ROWE, JAMES, R. BROWN, ZIMMERMAN,  
GAYDOS, SANKEY AND B. MILLER, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,  
4 further providing for responsibilities and obligations of  
5 department, applicants and recipients.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 405.3 of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by  
10 adding a subsection to read:

11 Section 405.3. Responsibilities and Obligations of  
12 Department, Applicants and Recipients.--\* \* \*

13 (b) Subject to Federal approval, an authorized  
14 representative designated on the application by a person who is  
15 required to sign an application for assistance shall sign an  
16 agreement with the department indicating that the person  
17 understands and agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and  
18 responsibilities of the electronic benefits transfer card,  
19 including the proper use of the electronic benefits transfer

1 card for the benefit of the person who designated the authorized  
2 representative. If the person fails to comply with the terms,  
3 conditions and responsibilities of the electronic benefits  
4 transfer card, the person designated as an authorized  
5 representative may not be designated as an authorized  
6 representative for any assistance program administered by the  
7 department.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.