

SENATE BILL 2334

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to food assistance
benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) As used in this section, "head of household" has the same meaning as in 7 CFR 273.1(d).

(b)

(1) The department shall seek approval from the United States department of agriculture, food and nutrition services (FNS) for the implementation of mandatory photo identification on electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. The department shall ensure the proposed use of photo identification on EBT cards complies with 7 CFR 274.8(f).

(2) Within twelve (12) months after approval of the request, the department shall replace all existing EBT cards with a photo identification card that contains a photo of the head of household.

(c) The department shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, section 5, for the use of the photo identification EBT cards required under this section.

SECTION 2. For rulemaking purposes, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.