
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, METCALFE, BARRAR, RYAN, PICKETT,
MILLARD, DUNBAR, HILL-EVANS, ZIMMERMAN, BERNSTINE, MENTZER,
MASSER, JAMES, KEEFER, SAYLOR AND SCHWEYER, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

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 Assistance Recipient Identification
5 Program and for administration of assistance and related
6 functions.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 414(d) and 419(1) of the act of June 13,
10 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, are
11 amended to read:

12 Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--*

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14 (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance
15 shall participate in the program. The person shall be identified
16 using available technological means that shall include placing a
17 photograph upon each electronic benefits transfer card and any
18 other benefit card and that may include, but are not limited to,
19 two-digit fingerimaging.

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2 Section 419. Administration of Assistance and Related
3 Functions.--Each county board shall:

4 (1) Administer public assistance in the county, and
5 determine the eligibility for assistance of applicants and
6 continued eligibility for assistance of persons receiving the
7 same in accordance with law and rules, regulations and standards
8 established by the department. This paragraph includes requiring
9 photographic identification under section 414(d) before
10 providing any assistance.

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