

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KASUNIC, J. TAYLOR AND BELARDI, JUNE 5, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 5, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to implement the Electronic Delivery of
2 Benefits program Statewide.

3 WHEREAS, A pilot program in Berks County called Electronic
4 Delivery of Benefits distributes credit to an eligible
5 recipient's account in a grocery store; and

6 WHEREAS, This eliminates use of food stamp coupons; and

7 WHEREAS, The electronic system is more convenient for the
8 recipient as well as the vendor; and

9 WHEREAS, There is less administrative work involved in this
10 method than in the traditional method of distributing food
11 stamps; and

12 WHEREAS, Some people use traditional food stamps to buy drugs
13 in Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, This practice of purchasing drugs is an abuse of the
15 food stamps program and constitutes fraud; and

16 WHEREAS, The Electronic Delivery of Benefits eliminates the

1 capability for fraudulent use of food stamps for drug purchases;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
4 Congress to implement the Electronic Benefits program Statewide;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
7 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
8 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.