

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1254 Session of 2011

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, APRIL 5, 2011

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," further providing for
4 prohibited use of public assistance funds.

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

7 Section 1. Section 484 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
8 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added December 17,
9 2009 (P.L.598, No.54), is amended to read:

10 Section 484. Prohibited Use of Public Assistance Funds.--(A) ←
11 It shall be unlawful for any individual to purchase tobacco,
12 tobacco paraphernalia, liquor or alcohol with [a gift
13 certificate or a gift card which is in the form of] an
14 electronic benefits transfer card issued to convey public
15 assistance benefits administered by the [Department of Public
16 Welfare] department or a debit card issued to convey support

1 payment moneys. The department shall take appropriate measures
2 to prevent the use of public assistance funds for the purposes
3 proscribed in this section.

4 (B) ASSISTANCE GRANTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE ←
5 WITHDRAWN OR USED THROUGH A POINT OF SALE AT ANY ENTITY LICENSED
6 BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD.

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