

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 907 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY REESE, AUMENT, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, BLOOM, K. BOYLE, R. BROWN, CARROLL, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, D. COSTA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DUNBAR, EMRICK, EVANKOVICH, EVERETT, FLECK, GABLER, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HAHN, C. HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, KORTZ, KRIEGER, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MARSHALL, METCALFE, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MOLCHANY, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, QUINN, REED, ROCK, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SIMMONS, STERN, STURLA, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL AND WHITE, MARCH 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 11, 2013

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

1 Welfare] department or a debit card issued to convey support  
2 payment moneys. The department shall take appropriate measures  
3 to prevent the use of public assistance funds for the purposes  
4 proscribed in this section.

5 (b) Assistance granted under this article shall not be  
6 withdrawn or used through a point of sale at any entity licensed  
7 by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

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