

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, R. MILLER, MILNE, MOLCHANY, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PICKETT, QUINN, REED, ROCK, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, STERN, STURLA, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOEPEL, WHITE, FARRY AND BURNS, MARCH 11, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 2, 2014

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 IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL [TO]: <--

13 (1) TO PURCHASE TOBACCO, tobacco paraphernalia, liquor or
14 alcohol with [a gift certificate or a gift card which is in the

1 form of] an electronic benefits transfer card issued to convey
2 public assistance benefits administered by the [Department of
3 Public Welfare] department or a debit card issued to convey
4 support ~~payment moneys. The department shall take appropriate~~ <--
5 measures PAYMENT MONEYS. <--

6 (2) TO USE AN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARD ISSUED TO
7 CONVEY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT
8 IN ANY TRANSACTION IN A CASINO, A GAMING ESTABLISHMENT OR ANY
9 RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES ADULT-ORIENTED ENTERTAINMENT
10 IN WHICH PERFORMERS DISROBE OR PERFORM IN AN UNCLOTHED STATE FOR
11 ENTERTAINMENT.

12 (B) THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD AND THE
13 PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT, SHALL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES to prevent the use
15 of public assistance funds for the purposes proscribed in this
16 section.

17 ~~(b)~~ (C) Assistance granted under this article shall not be <--
18 withdrawn or used through a point of sale at any entity licensed
19 by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board OR THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
20 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

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