

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 prohibited use of public assistance
5 funds.

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

8 Section 1. Section 484 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added December 17,
10 2009 (P.L.598, No.54), is amended to read:

11 Section 484. Prohibited Use of Public Assistance Funds.--(a)
12 It shall be unlawful for any individual to [purchase liquor or
13 alcohol with a gift certificate or a gift card which is in the
14 form of] use an electronic benefits card issued to convey public
15 assistance benefits administered by the Department of [Public
16 Welfare] Human Services or a debit card issued to convey support
17 payment moneys[.] to:
18 (1) purchase liquor or alcohol; or
19 (2) deposit funds into an inmate account authorized,

1 administered or maintained by the Department of Corrections or a
2 county correctional institution.

3 (b) It shall be unlawful for the Department of Corrections
4 or a county correctional institution, or any licensee thereof,
5 to allow for the withdrawal of public assistance funds on the
6 premises of a correctional institution or, through a point-of-
7 sale transaction, to allow public assistance benefits to be
8 deposited in violation of this section.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.