

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 259 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, BAKER, KNOWLES, CUTLER, BLOOM, METCALFE, DUNBAR, HICKERNELL, PICKETT, ZIMMERMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MILLARD, TALLMAN, JAMES, BARRAR, SAYLOR, WATSON, MENTZER, TOEPEL, A. HARRIS, HAHN, MARSICO, B. MILLER, WARD, SIMMONS, GROVE, DOWLING, GOODMAN, GABLER AND RYAN, JANUARY 31, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 31, 2017

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 Assistance Recipient Identification  
 5 Program and for administration of assistance and related  
 6 functions.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 414(d) and 419(1) of the act of June 13,  
 10 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, are  
 11 amended to read:

12 Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--\*

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14 (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance  
 15 shall participate in the program. The person shall be identified  
 16 using available technological means that shall include placing a  
 17 photograph upon each electronic benefits transfer card and any  
 18 other benefit card and that may include, but are not limited to,

1 two-digit fingerimaging.

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3 Section 419. Administration of Assistance and Related  
4 Functions.--Each county board shall:

5 (1) Administer public assistance in the county, and  
6 determine the eligibility for assistance of applicants and  
7 continued eligibility for assistance of persons receiving the  
8 same in accordance with law and rules, regulations and standards  
9 established by the department. This paragraph includes requiring  
10 photographic identification under section 414(d) before  
11 providing any assistance.

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