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**HOUSE BILL NO. 977**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 208.024 and 208.182, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to temporary assistance for needy families benefits, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 208.024 and 208.182, RSMo, are repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.024, to read as follows:

208.024. 1. Eligible recipients of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or  
2 [supplementary] **supplemental** nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits shall not use such  
3 funds in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store, casino, gambling casino,  
4 or gaming establishment, any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment  
5 in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment, or in any place  
6 for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, **pornography**, or tobacco products or for  
7 any item the department determines by rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen  
8 or older and is not in the best interests of the child or household. An eligible recipient of TANF  
9 or SNAP assistance who makes a purchase in violation of this section shall reimburse the  
10 department of social services for such purchase. **For any third or subsequent offense, a TANF**  
11 **recipient shall lose his or her TANF benefits for a period of two years.**

12 2. An individual, store owner or proprietor of an establishment shall not knowingly  
13 accept TANF cash assistance or supplementary nutrition assistance program (SNAP) funds held  
14 on electronic benefit transfer cards for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets,  
15 **pornography**, or tobacco products or for use in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any  
16 liquor store, casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment, any retail establishment which  
17 provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed  
18 state for entertainment, or in any place for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **pornography**, or tobacco products or for any item the department determines by rule is primarily  
20 marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the best interests of the child or  
21 household. No store owner or proprietor of any liquor store, casino, gambling casino, gaming  
22 establishment, or any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which  
23 performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment shall adopt any policy,  
24 either explicitly or implicitly, which encourages, permits, or acquiesces in its employees  
25 knowingly accepting electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this section. [This section  
26 shall not be construed to require any store owner or proprietor of an establishment which is not  
27 a liquor store, casino, gambling casino, gaming establishment, or retail establishment which  
28 provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed  
29 state for entertainment to check the source of payment from every individual who purchases  
30 alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, tobacco products, or any item the department determines by  
31 rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the best interests  
32 of the child or household.] An individual, store owner or proprietor of an establishment who  
33 knowingly accepts electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this section shall be punished  
34 by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense, a fine of not less than five  
35 hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for the second offense, and a fine of not less  
36 than one thousand dollars for the third or subsequent offense.

37         3. Any recipient of TANF or SNAP benefits who does not make at least one electronic  
38 benefit transfer transaction within the state for a period of ninety days shall have his or her  
39 benefit payments to the electronic benefit account temporarily suspended, pending an  
40 investigation by the department of social services to determine if the recipient is no longer a  
41 Missouri resident. If the department finds that the recipient is no longer a Missouri resident, it  
42 shall close the recipient's case. Closure of a recipient's case shall trigger the automated benefit  
43 eligibility process under section 208.238. A recipient may appeal the closure of his or her case  
44 to the director under section 208.080.

45         4. A recipient who does not make an electronic benefit transfer transaction within the  
46 state for a period of sixty days shall be provided notice of the possibility of the suspension of  
47 funds if no electronic benefit transfer transaction occurs in the state within another thirty days  
48 after the date of the notice.

49         5. **The total amount of cash benefits accessed by a TANF or SNAP benefits**  
50 **recipient with his or her electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card from an ATM, as cash back**  
51 **on a purchase, and through any other means of accessing cash from an EBT card shall not**  
52 **exceed forty dollars per month.**

53         6. For purposes of this section:

54         (1) The following terms shall mean:

55 (a) "Electronic benefit transfer transaction", the use of a credit or debit card service,  
56 automated teller machine, point-of-sale terminal, or access to an online system for the  
57 withdrawal of funds or the processing of a payment for merchandise or a service; [and]

58 (b) "Liquor store", any retail establishment which sells exclusively or primarily  
59 intoxicating liquor. Such term does not include a grocery store which sells both intoxicating  
60 liquor and groceries including staple foods as outlined under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008;

61 (c) **"Pornography", any of the following:**

62 **a. Any obscene material or performance depicting sexual conduct, sexual contact**  
63 **as defined in section 566.010, or a sexual performance; or**

64 **b. Any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or**  
65 **computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by**  
66 **electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct; and**

67 (d) **"Tobacco products", cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, smokeless tobacco,**  
68 **smoking tobacco, vapor products, or any other form of tobacco products or products made**  
69 **with tobacco substitute containing nicotine;**

70 (2) Casinos, gambling casinos, or gaming establishments shall not include:

71 (a) A grocery store which sells groceries including staple foods, and which also offers,  
72 or is located within the same building or complex as a casino, gambling, or gaming activities;  
73 or

74 (b) Any other establishment that offers casino, gambling, or gaming activities incidental  
75 to the principal purpose of the business.

2 [208.182. 1. The family support division shall establish pilot projects in  
3 St. Louis City and in any county with a population of six hundred thousand or  
4 more, which shall provide for a system of electronic transfer of benefits to public  
5 assistance recipients. Such system shall allow recipients to obtain cash from  
6 automated teller machines or point of sale terminals. If less than the total amount  
7 of benefits is withdrawn, the recipient shall be given a receipt showing the  
8 current status of his or her account.

9 2. The disclosure of any information provided to a financial institution,  
10 business or vendor by the family support division under this section is prohibited.  
11 Such financial institution, business or vendor may not use or sell such  
12 information and may not divulge the information without a court order.  
13 Violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.

14 3. Subject to appropriations and subject to receipt of waivers from the  
15 federal government to prevent the loss of any federal funds, the department of  
16 social services shall require the use of photographic identification on electronic  
17 benefit transfer cards issued to recipients in this system. Such photographic  
18 identification electronic benefit transfer card shall be in a form approved by the  
department of social services.

19                   4. The family support division shall promulgate rules and regulations  
20 necessary to implement the provisions of this section pursuant to section 660.017  
21 and chapter 536.

22                   5. The delivery of electronic benefits and the electronic eligibility  
23 verification, including, but not limited to, aid to families with dependent children  
24 (AFDC), women, infants and children (WIC), early periodic screening diagnosis  
25 and treatment (EPSDT), food stamps, supplemental security income (SSI),  
26 including Medicaid, child support, and other programs, shall reside in one card  
27 that may be enabled by function from time to time in a convenient manner.]

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