

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2496, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2 and 3,
2 by deleting the words "reimbursement for emergency medical transportation services under the MO
3 HealthNet program" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "public assistance"; and
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5 Further amend said bill and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and line
6 the following:
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8 "208.024. 1. Eligible recipients of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or
9 supplementary nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits shall not use such funds in any
10 electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store, casino, gambling casino, or gaming
11 establishment, any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which
12 performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment, or in any place for the
13 purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, or tobacco products or for any item the department
14 determines by rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the
15 best interests of the child or household. An eligible recipient of TANF or SNAP assistance who
16 makes a purchase in violation of this section shall reimburse the department of social services for
17 such purchase.

18 2. An individual, store owner or proprietor of an establishment shall not knowingly accept
19 TANF cash assistance or supplementary nutrition assistance program (SNAP) funds held on
20 electronic benefit transfer cards for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, or tobacco
21 products or for use in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store, casino,
22 gambling casino, or gaming establishment, any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented
23 entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment, or in
24 any place for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, or tobacco products or for any
25 item the department determines by rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older
26 and is not in the best interests of the child or household. No store owner or proprietor of any liquor
27 store, casino, gambling casino, gaming establishment, or any retail establishment which provides
28 adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for
29 entertainment shall adopt any policy, either explicitly or implicitly, which encourages, permits, or
30 acquiesces in its employees knowingly accepting electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this
31 section. This section shall not be construed to require any store owner or proprietor of an
32 establishment which is not a liquor store, casino, gambling casino, gaming establishment, or retail
33 establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform
34 in an unclothed state for entertainment to check the source of payment from every individual who
35 purchases alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, tobacco products, or any item the department
36 determines by rule is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and is not in the

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1 best interests of the child or household. An individual, store owner or proprietor of an
2 establishment who knowingly accepts electronic benefit transfer cards in violation of this section
3 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense, a fine of not
4 less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for the second offense, and a fine
5 of not less than one thousand dollars for the third or subsequent offense.

6 3. Any recipient of TANF or SNAP benefits who does not make at least one electronic
7 benefit transfer transaction within the state for a period of ninety days shall have his or her benefit
8 payments to the electronic benefit account temporarily suspended, pending an investigation by the
9 department of social services to determine if the recipient is no longer a Missouri resident. If the
10 department finds that the recipient is no longer a Missouri resident, it shall close the recipient's case.
11 Closure of a recipient's case shall trigger the automated benefit eligibility process under section
12 208.238. A recipient may appeal the closure of his or her case to the director under section
13 208.080.

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

18 5. For purposes of this section:

19 (1) The following terms shall mean:

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

23 (b) "Liquor store", any retail establishment [which sells exclusively or primarily] where at
24 least eighty-five percent of the merchandise sold at such establishment is intoxicating liquor. Such
25 term does not include a grocery store which sells both intoxicating liquor and groceries including
26 staple foods as outlined under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008;

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

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

30 (b) Any other establishment that offers casino, gambling, or gaming activities incidental to
31 the principal purpose of the business."; and

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33 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
34 accordingly.
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