

**234.12A Electronic benefits transfer program.**

1. The department of human services may establish an electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic funds transfer systems. The program, if established, shall at a minimum provide for all of the following:

*a.* A retailer shall not be required to make cash disbursements or to provide, purchase, or upgrade electronic funds transfer system equipment as a condition of participation in the program.

*b.* A retailer providing electronic funds transfer system equipment for transactions pursuant to the program shall be reimbursed seven cents for each approved transaction pursuant to the program utilizing the retailer's equipment.

*c.* A retailer that provides electronic funds transfer system equipment for transactions pursuant to the program and who makes cash disbursements pursuant to the program utilizing the retailer's equipment shall be paid a fee of seven cents by the department for each cash disbursement transaction by the retailer.

2. A point-of-sale terminal which is used only for purchases from a retailer by electronic benefits transfer utilizing electronic funds transfer systems is not a satellite terminal as defined in section 527.2.

3. For the purposes of this section, "*retailer*" means a business authorized by the United States department of agriculture to accept food stamp benefits.

98 Acts, ch 1066, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1218, §75; 2001 Acts, ch 191, §39