

**234.12A Electronic benefits transfer program.**

1. The department of human services shall maintain an electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic funds transfer systems for the food assistance program. The electronic benefits transfer program implemented under [this section](#) shall not require a retailer to make cash disbursements or to provide, purchase, or upgrade electronic funds transfer system equipment as a condition of participation in the program.

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 assistance program benefits.

[98 Acts, ch 1066, §1](#); [98 Acts, ch 1218, §75](#); [2001 Acts, ch 191, §39](#); [2005 Acts, ch 175, §104](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1073, §2, 3](#); [2009 Acts, ch 182, §130](#)