

**234.12A Electronic benefits transfer program.**

1. The department shall maintain an electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic funds transfer systems for the supplemental nutrition 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 supplemental nutrition 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; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §675](#)