

House File 446 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements of the department of human
2 services involving electronic benefits transfer for the food
3 assistance program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2382HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 234.12A, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:

1 3 1. The department of human services shall maintain an
1 4 electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic
1 5 funds transfer systems for the food assistance program. The
1 6 electronic benefits transfer program implemented under this
1 7 section shall at a minimum provide ~~for all of the following:~~
1 8 ~~a. A that a~~ retailer shall not be required to make cash
1 9 disbursements or to provide, purchase, or upgrade electronic
1 10 funds transfer system equipment as a condition of
1 11 participation in the program.

~~1 12 b. A retailer providing electronic funds transfer system
1 13 equipment for transactions pursuant to the program shall be
1 14 reimbursed seven cents for each approved transaction pursuant
1 15 to the program utilizing the retailer's equipment.~~

~~1 16 c. A retailer that provides electronic funds transfer
1 17 system equipment for transactions pursuant to the program and
1 18 who makes cash disbursements pursuant to the program utilizing
1 19 the retailer's equipment shall be paid a fee of seven cents by
1 20 the department for each cash disbursement transaction by the
1 21 retailer.~~

EXPLANATION

1 22
1 23 This bill relates to requirements of the department of
1 24 human services involving electronic benefits transfer for the
1 25 food assistance program (formerly known as "food stamps").

1 26 Code section 234.12A, relating to the electronic benefits
1 27 transfer (EBT) program, is amended to eliminate the
1 28 requirement for payment of transfer fees to retailers. The
1 29 EBT program is utilized primarily for distributing federal
1 30 food assistance benefits.

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