

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 61						
	Referred to Committee: House 4						
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1 An act to reduce government assistance fraud in Kentucky caused by the misuse of Electronic Benefit
2 Transfer (EBT) cards by requiring photo IDs and limiting replacement cards
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: Presently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky SNAP and K-TAP benefits are being misused in the
7 form of illegal sale of EBT cards. There is no law currently that requires identification for purchases made by
8 EBT cards. In addition, there is no limit on the amount of EBT cards that will be replaced if lost.
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10 Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to reduce SNAP and KTAP fraud by requiring photo identification when
11 making a purchase with an EBT card. If the recipient of the benefit is deemed unable to utilize benefits
12 based on physical or mental condition, an authorized representative may be appointed. An additional
13 measure to prevent SNAP and K-TAP fraud in this bill will limit the number of replacement cards to three
14 times a year without investigation.
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16 Section 3: K-TAP, or the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program, provides a short term cash benefit to
17 families with children under the age of 18. The SNAP program, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
18 Program, provides monthly benefits that help eligible low-income households buy the food they need for
19 good health. Both of the benefits are issued via a magnetically encoded payment card (EBT card). The
20 authorized representative (mentioned above) refers to a responsible individual who may access benefits on
21 behalf of the benefit recipient. The acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, a current
22 valid special identification card issued by the state, a passport or military or federal ID card.
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24 Section 4: The cashiers at individual retailers will be required to enforce the bill. The Office of the Inspector
25 General (OIG) will be responsible for investigating possible cases of fraud within this law.
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27 Section 5: Individuals and retailers found guilty of fraud by the OIG will be subject to penalties already in
28 place.
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30 Section 6: This bill will not require any additional cost.
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32 Section 7: This bill will go into effect one year after passage.