

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FEBRUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 further providing for Assistance Recipient Identification
5 Program and for administration of assistance and related
6 functions.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 414(d) of the act of June 13, 1967
10 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended June
11 30, 1995 (P.L.129, No.20), is amended to read:

12 Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--*

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14 (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance
15 shall participate in the program. The person shall be identified
16 using available technological means that shall include placing a
17 photograph upon each electronic benefits transfer card and any
18 other benefit card and that may include, but are not limited to,

1 two-digit fingerimaging.

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3 Section 2. Section 419(1) of the act is amended to read:

4 Section 419. Administration of Assistance and Related

5 Functions.--Each county board shall:

6 (1) Administer public assistance in the county, and

7 determine the eligibility for assistance of applicants and

8 continued eligibility for assistance of persons receiving the

9 same in accordance with law and rules, regulations and standards

10 established by the department. This paragraph includes requiring

11 photographic identification under section 414(d) before

12 providing any assistance.

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.