
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, BLOOM, MURT, BOBACK, HICKERNELL, BARRAR,
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CUTLER, PICKETT, MILNE, SIMMONS, WARD, MULLERY, COX,
D. COSTA, GABLER, SAYLOR, BENNINGHOFF AND GILLEN,
MARCH 13, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 13, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices,
3 providing for the offense of benefit transfer device fraud.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 4121. Benefit transfer device fraud.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the
10 person is an unauthorized alien and possesses, uses or attempts
11 to use a benefit transfer device.

12 (b) Separate offenses.--Each time a person possesses or uses
13 a benefit transfer device in violation of subsection (a)
14 constitutes a separate offense under this section.

15 (c) Grading.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a
16 felony of the third degree.

17 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Benefit transfer device." The Pennsylvania ACCESS card or
4 electronic benefit transfer card.

5 "Unauthorized alien." An alien who is not eligible for any
6 State or local benefits under section 411(a) of the Personal
7 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
8 (Public Law 104-193, 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)).

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.