



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Restrict Cash Access for Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hanley of Pittston

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Contingent future biennium savings stay in program - Federal Block Grant Fund  
Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide benefits received through the electronic benefits transfer system to be redeemed only through purchase by electronic transfer and not be redeemed for cash. The DHHS will establish a rule to create a system that limits purchases at the point of sale to those goods and services allowed by law. Any additional costs to the DHHS to adopt these changes are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Any savings achieved by prohibiting certain purchases and activities would likely not accrue to the General Fund due to the Maintenance of Effort spending required of the State to receive the TANF Federal Block Grant funds and would thus accrue to the TANF Federal Block Grant Fund.