

House Bill 2505

Sponsored by Representative WHITSETT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to imprint photograph on electronic benefits card issued to recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance. Requires department to prescribe by rule exemptions to photograph requirement as necessary to avoid undue hardship to recipient. Requires department to implement procedures to ensure that all eligible members of household and authorized representatives are able to use card.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to electronic benefits cards for supplemental nutrition assistance; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 411.806 to**
6 **411.845.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall imprint on an electronic bene-**
8 **fits card issued to a recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance under the Supplemental**
9 **Nutrition Assistance Program, a photograph of the recipient or the head of the household in**
10 **which the recipient resides.**

11 **(2) The department shall prescribe by rule exemptions to the requirement to imprint a**
12 **photograph on an electronic benefits card as necessary to avoid undue hardship on a recipi-**
13 **ent or group of recipients, including but not limited to exemptions for:**

14 **(a) Elderly individuals or individuals with disabilities who are unable to travel to a branch**
15 **office of the department in order to have the photograph taken; and**

16 **(b) Individuals who object to being photographed based on their religious or cultural be-**
17 **liefs.**

18 **(3) The department shall establish procedures to ensure that all members of a household**
19 **and authorized representatives who are permitted to utilize an electronic benefits card are**
20 **able to access benefits using the card.**

21 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act applies to:**

22 **(1) All new electronic benefits cards issued six months after the effective date of this 2015**
23 **Act or later.**

24 **(2) All electronic benefits cards in use 12 months after the effective date of this 2015 Act**
25 **or later.**

26 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
28 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.