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S.B. No. 191

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for cash withdrawals from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits accounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 31.0355(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a recipient of financial assistance who receives the assistance by electronic benefits transfer to an account is authorized to make a cash withdrawal from the account through a provider of the goods or services described by Subsection (a), the recipient may make the cash withdrawal only:

(1) at the customer service department of the provider and not at the provider's point-of-sale terminal; and

(2) after the recipient presents the provider with photo identification in accordance with Section 31.0356.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 31.0356 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0356. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN CASH WITHDRAWALS. (a) In this section, "photo identification" means a card or other document that:

(1) is issued by a governmental entity to identify an individual; and

(2) displays a photograph of the individual identified on the card or other document.

1 (b) A recipient of financial assistance who receives the
2 assistance by electronic benefits transfer to an account may not
3 make a cash withdrawal from the account through a provider of the
4 goods or services described by Section 31.0355(a) unless the
5 recipient presents photo identification verifying the recipient's
6 identity as the account holder.

7 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
8 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
9 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
10 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
11 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
12 waiver or authorization is granted.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.