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An Act To Prohibit the Use of EBT Cards for Cash Withdrawals

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 687, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Electronic benefits transfer system or EBT. "Electronic benefits transfer system" or "EBT" means a system for the delivery of benefits to recipients by means of credit or debit card services, automated teller machines, point of sale devices or access to online systems for the withdrawal of funds or the processing of a payment for merchandise or a service.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Cash withdrawals prohibited. Benefits received through the EBT system may only be redeemed through purchase electronically pursuant to section 21, subsection 4 and may not be redeemed for cash.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that benefits received through the electronic benefits transfer system may only be redeemed through purchase by electronic transfer and may not be redeemed for cash.