**An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System 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 by electronic transfer 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.