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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 286, L.D. 886, Bill, “An Act To Require That Maine Welfare Benefits Be Used in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3763, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Restriction on use of electronic benefits transfer system outside State. A recipient of benefits under this chapter may not access those benefits using the electronic benefits transfer system established in section 22 outside of this State, unless a recipient is:

- A. In New Hampshire; or
- B. A victim of domestic violence and leaving the victim's abuser. The department may require a recipient asserting the applicability of this paragraph to provide reasonable and verifiable evidence of the domestic violence pursuant to section 3785, subsection 13.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It prohibits a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program from using an electronic benefits transfer system card to access those benefits outside of Maine unless the recipient is in New Hampshire or fleeing a domestic violence situation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)