

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2582

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; requiring certain recipients of assistance to notify Department of Human Services upon theft of certain checks or devices of payment; requiring Department of Human Services to report thefts to central local law enforcement agencies; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.1 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It shall be the duty of any person receiving assistance payments pursuant to Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes, including but not limited to food stamps or coupons, or any card or other device authorizing participation in the food stamp program, aid to families with dependent children or medical assistance, to immediately notify the Department of Human Services if such food stamps, coupons, card or other device authorizing participation in the food stamp program or other assistance check or written

instrument for the transition or payment of money or credit has been stolen.

B. Upon notification of such stolen stamps, coupons, card, other device, check or instrument, the Department of Human Services shall within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving such notification report the theft to the local law enforcement agency nearest to the residence of such recipient or, if known, to the local law enforcement agency nearest to the location where the food stamps, coupons, card, other device, check or instrument was stolen.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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