

ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

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of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 241.1), which relates to the electronic benefit identification system; authorizing programs implementation and benefit payment schedule to be staggered; removing certain restriction; amending Section 1, Chapter 221, O.S.L. 1994 (19 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 266), which relates to certain fees and charges for certain services by county clerk; clarifying reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 241.1), which relates to the electronic benefit identification program; authorizing implementation of the program on a staggered basis; providing for modification or adjustment of the benefit payment schedule for certain purpose; removing certain restriction; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 241.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 241.1 A. The Department of Human Services shall develop an electronic benefit identification program, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture, to expediently and accurately determine the eligibility of and the extent or limit of benefits of clients, and to ~~service~~ serve providers and other persons providing consumer-related goods to ~~food stamp recipients~~ and to recipients of food stamps and other assistance programs.
~~Said system~~

B. 1. The electronic benefit identification program for recipients of food stamps and other assistance may be implemented on a staggered basis.

2. To provide for the implementation of the electronic benefit identification program, and as determined necessary by the Department for such implementation in compliance with federal law, the time of issuance of benefits for recipients of food stamps and other assistance programs may be modified or adjusted to provide for issuance of benefits on a staggered basis, provided recipients shall be notified, in writing, at least three (3) months prior to any modification or adjustment of the time of issuance of benefits.

C. The electronic benefit identification program shall ~~not~~ be implemented until it is determined to be cost-neutral to the state and shall become effective only upon the awarding of a contract with to a vendor selected by competitive bid to do business with the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. 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."

Passed the Senate the 21st day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives