

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1813

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition
8 Assistance Program; establishing certain pilot
9 program; specifying time period of certain pilot
10 program; requiring certain cards to have a
11 photograph; providing for the creation and
12 distribution of certain card; requiring certain
13 information to be placed on the back of specified
14 cards; providing for certain requirements by retail
15 establishments; authorizing the Department of Human
16 Services to employ certain persons; prohibiting
17 certain limitation; requiring certain report;
18 providing for codification; and providing an
19 effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 243.1 of Title 56, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement
a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program identification pilot
program pursuant to the provisions of this section. The pilot
program shall begin on or before January 1, 2013, and continue
through December 31, 2014.

1 B. All benefit cards distributed to recipients of the
2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by the Department for the
3 duration of the pilot program shall have imprinted on the card a
4 photograph of the recipient.

5 C. In the event that another person is authorized to use the
6 card on behalf of the recipient, the Department shall create and
7 distribute a card bearing the name of the authorized user and shall
8 have imprinted on the card a photograph of the authorized user. The
9 card shall be clearly marked as to indicate that the person on the
10 card is only an authorized user of the card on behalf of a
11 recipient.

12 D. The Department shall place a phone number on the back of the
13 cards that retail establishments can call to report to the
14 Department the suspected use of the card by a person other than the
15 recipient or an authorized user.

16 E. If the photograph of the recipient or authorized user does
17 not match the person presenting the card, a retail establishment
18 shall:

- 19 1. Refuse to accept the card;
- 20 2. Record the name and any other identifying information listed
21 on the card; and
- 22 3. Call the phone number on the back of the card within twenty-
23 four (24) hours to report the suspected use of the card by a person
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1 other than the recipient or an authorized user and provide the name
2 and any other identifying information listed on the card.

3 F. For the duration of the pilot program, the Department of
4 Human Services shall employ one fraud investigator for every One
5 Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) expended in state and
6 federal funds on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program if
7 the return on investment, including cost avoidance, is greater than
8 the total direct and indirect cost of the employee. Fraud
9 investigators employed pursuant to this section shall not count
10 toward any full-time equivalent limitations on the Department.

11 G. The Department shall evaluate and report findings on the
12 success of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
13 identification pilot program in preventing or eliminating fraud in
14 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by January 31, 2015.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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