



1 to report to the Department of Human Services income, personal  
2 property, real property, household members, or other material  
3 eligibility factors at the time of application or during the receipt  
4 of assistance, or by other fraudulent device, assistance to which an  
5 applicant is not entitled or assistance greater than that to which  
6 an applicant is justly entitled; or

7 2. By sale, barter, purchase, theft, acquisition, possession or  
8 use of any electronic benefits or debit card or any other device  
9 authorizing participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy  
10 Families or other program of the Department, knowingly obtains,  
11 aids, abets or assists any person to obtain or attempt to obtain  
12 assistance to which a person is not entitled,  
13 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, if the aggregate amount of  
14 assistance received as a result thereof is Five Hundred Dollars  
15 (\$500.00) or less. Upon conviction thereof, such person shall be  
16 fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned  
17 for not more than three (3) months or be both so fined and  
18 imprisoned in the discretion of the court; provided, however, if the  
19 aggregate amount of assistance received as a result thereof is in  
20 excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), such person shall be  
21 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not  
22 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or be imprisoned in the  
23 State Penitentiary for a term of not more than two (2) years, or be

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1 subject to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the  
2 court.

3 B. Every county Department of Human Services office in this  
4 state shall conspicuously post a sign in an area clearly visible to  
5 all visitors of the county office which shall provide information  
6 about how to report individuals who have obtained public assistance  
7 through fraudulent means or who have used public assistance in a  
8 manner not consistent with its intended use. The sign shall make  
9 reference to the Department of Human Services fraud hotline and  
10 provide the current phone number for the hotline. The sign shall  
11 also contain notification that all reports to the hotline may be  
12 filed anonymously by persons suspecting fraudulent activity.

13 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the identity of  
14 any person making a report on another individual who may have  
15 obtained public assistance through fraudulent means, or an  
16 individual using public assistance in a manner not consistent with  
17 its intended use, shall not be revealed without the permission of  
18 the person making the report.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION, dated  
22 03/28/2013 - DO PASS.  
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