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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE ENTITY THAT ADMINISTERS THE

ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TRANSFER SERVICE PROHIBIT RECIPIENTS FROM ACCESSING CASH BENEFITS AT SPECIFIED LOCATIONS.

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, recipients of public assistance are prohibited from accessing cash benefits through automated teller machines (ATMs) located in casinos, in-state simulcast facilities, racetracks, commercial bingo facilities, gun stores, or liquor stores. This bill adds strip clubs, establishments that offer topless or nude entertainment, and similar sexually oriented businesses to the list of locations where access to public cash assistance through an ATM is prohibited.

The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. The entity that administers the electronic benefits transfer service (EBTS) must implement the bill no later than July 1, 2012.

## Assessment

The bill is assessed at no state or local fiscal impact. The Department of Human Services EBTS section will be responsible for identifying venues described in the bill and for ensuring that clients are prevented from accessing cash benefits on the premises of those businesses. The state's EBTS vendor, JP Morgan, indicates that based on the volume of automated teller machines involved, these will be no additional cost to the state in association with blocking access to the prohibited ATMs for purposes of obtaining public assistance benefits.

## **Departments Contacted**

Human Services Regulatory Agencies Revenue