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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying MFIP electronic benefit transfers;
1.3 requiring photo identification; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section
1.4 256J.39, by adding subdivisions.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256J.39, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 1a. **EBT cards; prohibited activities.** (a) MFIP recipients are prohibited
1.9 from using MFIP monthly cash assistance payments issued in the form of an electronic
1.10 benefits transfer to purchase tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, as defined in section
1.11 340A.101, subdivision 2, or lottery tickets.

1.12 (b) MFIP recipients are prohibited from withdrawing MFIP monthly cash assistance
1.13 payments issued in the form of an electronic benefits transfer from an automatic teller
1.14 machine or from receiving cash back from vendors.

1.15 (c) MFIP recipients are prohibited from using MFIP monthly cash assistance
1.16 payments issued in the form of an electronic benefits transfer at vendors located outside
1.17 of Minnesota.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256J.39, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 1b. **EBT cards; photo identification required.** Cashiers at points-of-sale
1.21 shall request photo identification when an MFIP electronic benefits transfer card is
1.22 presented.