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SENATE BILL 717

Short Title: Photo I.D. for SNAP Recipients. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Mansfield.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
3 ISSUE TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD AND NUTRITION  
4 PROGRAM (SNAP) DEBIT CARDS THAT CONTAIN PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ON  
5 THE CARD.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Part 5 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is  
8 amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **"§ 108A-52.1. Require photo identification on electronic food and nutrition benefits**  
10 **cards.**

11 The Department shall issue to recipients of electronic food and nutrition benefits an  
12 electronic benefits transaction (EBT) card that contains a color photograph of the recipient and  
13 all of the following information:

- 14 (1) The recipient's full name.  
15 (2) The recipient's mailing address and residence address.  
16 (3) A physical description of the recipient, including the recipient's sex, height,  
17 eye color, and hair color.  
18 (4) The recipient's date of birth.  
19 (5) The recipient's signature.

20 Upon issuing an EBT card, the Department shall make provisions for one additional individual  
21 to use the card on behalf of the benefits recipient. The alternate user shall be named on the card,  
22 and the alternate user shall be required to provide identification when using the card on behalf  
23 of the recipient."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

