

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to restrictions on use of public
 3 assistance benefits; amending s. 402.82, F.S.;
 4 prohibiting use of electronic benefits transfer cards
 5 to purchase soft drinks or candy; creating s. 414.457,
 6 F.S.; directing the Department of Children and
 7 Families to request a waiver to prohibit use of
 8 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to
 9 purchase soft drinks or candy; providing an effective
 10 date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 402.82, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

17 (4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer
 18 card is prohibited at the following locations or for the
 19 following activities:

20 (a) The purchase of an alcoholic beverage as defined in s.
 21 561.01 and sold pursuant to the Beverage Law.

22 (b) The purchase of soft drinks or candy.

23 (c) ~~(b)~~ An adult entertainment establishment as defined in
 24 s. 847.001.

25 (d) ~~(e)~~ A pari-mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002.

26 ~~(e)-(d)~~ A slot machine facility as defined in s. 551.102.

27 ~~(f)-(e)~~ A commercial bingo facility that operates outside
 28 the provisions of s. 849.0931.

29 ~~(g)-(f)~~ A casino, gaming facility, or gambling facility, or
 30 any gaming activities authorized under part II of chapter 285.

31 Section 2. Section 414.457, Florida Statutes, is created
 32 to read:

33 414.457 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
 34 purchases of soft drinks and candy prohibited.—The department
 35 shall seek a waiver of federal requirements established under
 36 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011
 37 et seq., to prohibit persons from using SNAP benefits to
 38 purchase soft drinks or candy.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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