

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2393

FISCAL
NOTE

2015 Carryover

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[Introduced January 13, 2016; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §9-5-24, relating to requiring recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
 3 Program be issued a photo identification card; establishing criminal penalties for misuse;
 4 and granting rule-making authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §9-5-24, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-24. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program photo identification card; penalties; rule-making.

1 All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients shall be issued an
 2 identification card with his or her photograph on it that must be used at all times when making
 3 purchases covered or permitted by the program. Anyone using or attempting to use a SNAP
 4 card that has not been issued to him or her is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall
 5 be confined in jail for not more than fifteen days, fined not more than \$500, or both confined and
 6 fined. Anyone who knowingly permits another person to improperly use his or her SNAP card is
 7 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be confined in jail for not more than fifteen
 8 days, fined not more than \$500, or both confined and fined. The secretary shall promulgate rules
 9 to implement this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program be issued a photo identification card that must be used when making program purchases. The bill establishes penalties for misuse. The bill also grants rule-making authority.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.