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House Bill 2581

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NOTE

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[Introduced January 22, 2019; 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 §9-5-27, relating to requiring recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

3   Program be issued a photo identification card; establishing criminal penalties for misuse;

4   and requires rule-making.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-27. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program photo identification card; penalties; rule-making.

1   (a) 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 card

4   that has not been issued to him or her is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be

5   confined in jail for not more than 15 days, fined not more than $500, or both confined and fined.

6   (b) Anyone who knowingly permits another person to improperly use his or her SNAP card

7   is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be confined in jail for not more than 15

8   days, fined not more than $500, or both confined and fined.

9   (c) The secretary shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the

10 provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code 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 requires rule-making.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.