

H. B. 2744

(By Delegates Rodighiero, Reynolds, Stowers  
and R. Phillips)  
[Introduced January 21, 2011; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-21, relating to  
requiring recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
Program be issued a photo identification card; establishing  
penalties for misuse; and granting rule-making authority.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-21, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**§9-5-21. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program photo  
identification card; penalties; rule-making.**

All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients  
shall be issued an identification card with his or her photograph  
on it that must be used at all times when making purchases covered  
or permitted by the program. Anyone using or attempting to use a  
SNAP card that has not been issued to him or her is guilty of a  
misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be confined in jail for not  
more than fifteen days, fined not more than \$500, or both confined

1 and fined. Anyone who knowingly permits another person to  
2 improperly use his or her SNAP card is guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
3 upon conviction, shall be confined in jail for not more than  
4 fifteen days, fined not more than \$500, or both confined and fined.  
5 The secretary shall promulgate rules 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.