

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2175**

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[Introduced February 8, 2017; 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 §9-5-25, 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 §9-5-25, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**§9-5-25. 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 a state correctional facility for not more than fifteen days, fined not more than \$500,  
 6 or both confined and fined.

7 (b) Anyone who knowingly permits another person to improperly use his or her SNAP card  
 8 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be confined in a state correctional facility  
 9 for not more than fifteen days, fined not more than \$500, or both confined and fined.

10 (c) 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.

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