

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE,
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-205, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT THE
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT ISSUES
4 CERTAIN BENEFITS AS EVENLY AS IS PRACTICABLE OVER THE COURSE OF MULTI-
5 PLE CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRIBUTION PERIOD WILL
6 BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR AFTER CONDUCTING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER
7 DISCUSSIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION
8 OF A NEW SECTION 56-234, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN IDENTIFICATION
9 CARD FOR CERTIFIED HOUSEHOLDS UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIS-
10 TANCE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SUCH IDENTIFICATION
11 CARDS AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST, CERTAIN PERSONS SHALL PRESENT
12 SUCH IDENTIFICATION CARD AT RETAIL FOOD STORES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFEC-
13 TIVE DATE.
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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

16 SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
17 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
18 ignated as Section 56-205, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

19 56-205. ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. In each month that
20 the state department or its authorized agent issues benefits under the sup-
21 plemental nutrition assistance program to eligible persons, such benefits
22 shall be issued over the course of multiple consecutive days within the
23 month. Such benefits shall be issued as evenly as is practicable over the
24 course of the distribution period. The distribution period will be deter-
25 mined by the director after conducting community stakeholder discussions.

26 SECTION 2. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
27 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
28 ignated as Section 56-234, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

29 56-234. SNAP IDENTIFICATION CARD. (1) The state department shall
30 issue an identification card to each certified household as proof of supple-
31 mental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) eligibility. The identification
32 card shall bear a distinguishing number assigned to the household by the
33 state department or its authorized agent, the full name of each member of
34 the certified household who is eligible to receive benefits under the pro-
35 gram, the full name of each authorized representative of such household and
36 the date of birth of each such member and of each such representative. The
37 state department or its authorized agent issuing electronic benefit trans-
38 fer (EBT) cards shall ensure that the distinguishing number that appears on
39 a household's identification card also appears on the face of the EBT card

1 issued to such household. In no event shall the distinguishing number be the
2 same as the personal identification number (PIN) of the household.

3 (2) Upon request of a retail food store, a person using an EBT card in
4 order to use benefits under SNAP shall present the identification card of the
5 household to the retail food store.

6 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and
7 after January 1, 2012.