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House of Representatives, February 1, 2021

### **An Act To Require Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards To Be Printed with the Beneficiary's Photograph**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on January 28, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §24**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §7, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **§24. Photographs on electronic benefits transfer cards**

5 The commissioner shall place a photograph of a recipient of benefits under a program  
6 specified in section 22 on the recipient's electronic benefits transfer card ~~if agreed to in~~  
7 ~~writing by the recipient~~. When a recipient of benefits is a minor or incapacitated individual,  
8 the commissioner may place a photograph of the recipient's parent or legal guardian on the  
9 EBT card ~~if agreed to in writing by that parent or legal guardian~~.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill removes the requirement that a recipient of an electronic benefits transfer card  
12 must agree in writing for the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to place a  
13 photograph of the recipient on the card.