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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to electronic benefits transfer cards.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 208.185, to read as follows:

**208.185. 1. For purposes of this section, "electronic benefits  
2 transfer card" or "EBT" card shall mean a debit card used to access  
3 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits,  
4 formerly known as food stamps, or cash benefits issued by the  
5 department of social services.**

6 **2. Except to the extent prohibited by federal law, the electronic  
7 benefits transfer system designed and implemented by the department  
8 shall prevent a recipient from using the EBT card to access cash  
9 benefits outside this state. This subsection shall not be construed to  
10 prohibit the use of an EBT card to access federal SNAP benefits in any  
11 manner authorized by federal law.**

12 **3. The department shall request necessary waivers to restrict  
13 recipients of SNAP benefits to the usage of such benefits for the  
14 purchase of healthy food and beverages only. The list of items of  
15 healthy food and beverages eligible for purchase shall be promulgated  
16 by the department under the regulations of the United States  
17 Department of Agriculture, taking into account the most recent and  
18 advanced scientific principles regarding good human health and  
19 fitness, in order to advance good health, well-being and fitness of the  
20 recipients.**

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