
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 397 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, IRVIN, MENTZER, ROWE,
ZIMMERMAN, MOUL, GLEIM, B. MILLER, SCIALABBA AND GILLEN,
MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 further providing for Assistance Recipient Identification
5 Program and for administration of assistance and related
6 functions.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 414(d) and 419(1) of the act of June 13,
10 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, are
11 amended to read:

12 Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--*

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14 (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance
15 shall participate in the program. The person shall be identified
16 using available technological means that shall include placing a
17 photograph upon each electronic benefits transfer card and any
18 other benefit card and that may include, but are not limited to,
19 two-digit fingerimaging.

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2 Section 419. Administration of Assistance and Related
3 Functions.--Each county board shall:

4 (1) Administer public assistance in the county, and
5 determine the eligibility for assistance of applicants and
6 continued eligibility for assistance of persons receiving the
7 same in accordance with law and rules, regulations and standards
8 established by the department. This paragraph includes requiring
9 photographic identification under section 414(d) before
10 providing any assistance.

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.