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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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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 local administration of assistance.

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

8 Section 1. Section 414(d) of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended June  
10 30, 1995 (P.L.129, No.20), is amended to read:

11 Section 414. Assistance Recipient Identification Program.--\*

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13 (d) A person currently receiving or applying for assistance  
14 shall participate in the program. The person shall be identified  
15 using available technological means that shall include placing a  
16 photograph upon each electronic benefits transfer card and any

1 other benefit card and that may include, but are not limited to,  
2 two-digit fingerimaging.

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4 Section 2. Section 419(1) of the act is amended to read:

5 Section 419. Administration of Assistance and Related  
6 Functions.--Each county board shall:

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

14 \* \* \*

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.