

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 prohibited use of public assistance
5 funds.

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

8 Section 1. Section 484 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended to read:

10 Section 484. Prohibited Use of Public Assistance Funds.--(a)
11 It shall be unlawful for any individual to [purchase liquor or
12 alcohol with a gift certificate or a gift card which is in the
13 form of] use an electronic benefits card issued to convey public
14 assistance benefits administered by the Department of [Public
15 Welfare] Human Services or a debit card issued to convey support
16 payment moneys[.] to:

17 (1) purchase liquor or alcohol; or

18 (2) deposit funds into an inmate account authorized,

19 administered or maintained by the Department of Corrections or a

1 county correctional institution.

2 (b) It shall be unlawful for the Department of Corrections
3 or a county correctional institution, or any licensee thereof,
4 to allow for the withdrawal of public assistance funds on the
5 premises of a correctional institution or, through a point-of-
6 sale transaction, to allow public assistance benefits to be
7 deposited in violation of this section.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.