

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-205, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT ISSUES CERTAIN BENEFITS AS EVENLY AS IS PRACTICABLE OVER THE COURSE OF MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRIBUTION PERIOD WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR AFTER CONDUCTING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-234, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR CERTIFIED HOUSEHOLDS UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SUCH IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST, CERTAIN PERSONS SHALL PRESENT SUCH IDENTIFICATION CARD AT RETAIL FOOD STORES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 56-205, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

56-205. ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. In each month that the state department or its authorized agent issues benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program to eligible persons, such benefits shall be issued over the course of multiple consecutive days within the month. Such benefits shall be issued as evenly as is practicable over the course of the distribution period. The distribution period will be determined by the director after conducting community stakeholder discussions.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 56-234, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

56-234. SNAP IDENTIFICATION CARD. (1) The state department shall issue an identification card to each certified household as proof of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) eligibility. The identification card shall bear a distinguishing number assigned to the household by the state department or its authorized agent, the full name of each member of the certified household who is eligible to receive benefits under the program, the full name of each authorized representative of such household and the date of birth of each such member and of each such representative. The state department or its authorized agent issuing electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards shall ensure that the distinguishing number that appears on a household's identification card also appears on the face of the EBT card

1 issued to such household. In no event shall the distinguishing number be the  
2 same as the personal identification number (PIN) of the household.

3 (2) Upon request of a retail food store, a person using an EBT card in  
4 order to use benefits under SNAP shall present the identification card of the  
5 household to the retail food store.

6 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and  
7 after January 1, 2012.