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Representative Carbone

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 46, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 46-232; AMENDING SECTION 46-297.01, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 46, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 46-232, to read:

4 46-232. Supplemental nutrition assistance program;
5 eligibility evaluations; public posting;
6 definitions

7 A. TO DETERMINE OR EVALUATE SNAP ELIGIBILITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL:

9 1. ENTER INTO A DATA MATCHING AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 REVENUE TO IDENTIFY HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOTTERY OR GAMBLING WINNINGS OF \$3,000
11 OR MORE AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, TO TREAT THE
12 DATA OBTAINED AS VERIFIED ON RECEIPT. TO THE EXTENT THE DATA MAY NOT BE
13 VERIFIED ON RECEIPT, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL REFER THOSE
14 HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOTTERY OR GAMBLING WINNINGS THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR GREATER
15 THAN THE RESOURCE LIMIT FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOUSEHOLDS AS DEFINED IN
16 7 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 273.8(b) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

18 2. ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS, REVIEW INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED
19 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THAT IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUALS WHO
20 HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT SNAP ELIGIBILITY.

21 3. ON AT LEAST A QUARTERLY BASIS, REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S
22 INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN
23 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT SNAP ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING A CHANGE IN
24 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, EMPLOYMENT STATUS OR WAGES.

25 4. ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS, REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION
26 THAT IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
27 MAY AFFECT SNAP ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING POTENTIAL CHANGES IN RESIDENCY AS
28 IDENTIFIED BY OUT-OF-STATE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD TRANSACTIONS.

29 5. ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS, REVIEW INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED
30 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THAT IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUALS WHO
31 HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT SNAP ELIGIBILITY.

32 6. ON AT LEAST A QUARTERLY BASIS, REVIEW INFORMATION THAT IS
33 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THAT IDENTIFIES HOUSEHOLDS THAT
34 HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT SNAP ELIGIBILITY,
35 INCLUDING POTENTIAL CHANGES IN INCOME, WAGES OR RESIDENCY AS IDENTIFIED BY
36 TAX RECORDS.

37 7. ON AT LEAST A QUARTERLY BASIS, POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC
38 WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING AGGREGATED AMOUNTS THAT WERE OBTAINED FROM
39 NONCOMPLIANCE AND FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO SNAP, EXCLUDING
40 CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:

41 (a) THE NUMBER OF SNAP CASES THAT WERE INVESTIGATED FOR INTENTIONAL
42 PROGRAM VIOLATIONS OR FRAUD.

43 (b) THE NUMBER OF SNAP CASES THAT WERE REFERRED TO THE ATTORNEY
44 GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR PROSECUTION.

45 (c) THE AMOUNT OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1 (d) THE AMOUNT OF MONIES RECOVERED.

2 (e) THE AMOUNT OF MONIES SPENT FOR IMPROPER PAYMENTS AND INELIGIBLE
3 RECIPIENTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF CASES THAT WERE INVESTIGATED AND REVIEWED.

4 (f) THE AMOUNT OF MONIES SPENT BY ELECTRONIC BENEFIT CARD
5 TRANSACTIONS THAT OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE, CATEGORIZED BY STATE.

6 B. ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
7 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL REVIEW THE FOLLOWING
8 INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL SOURCES TO ASSESS A RECIPIENT'S CONTINUED
9 ELIGIBILITY FOR SNAP:

10 1. EARNED INCOME INFORMATION, DEATH REGISTER INFORMATION,
11 INCARCERATION RECORDS, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME INFORMATION,
12 BENEFICIARY RECORDS, EARNINGS INFORMATION AND PENSION INFORMATION THAT IS
13 MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

14 2. INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED IN THE
15 NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES DATABASE AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
16 DATA THAT IS MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
17 HUMAN SERVICES.

18 3. PAYMENT AND EARNINGS INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED BY THE
19 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

20 4. NATIONAL FLEEING FELON INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED BY THE
21 UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

22 C. IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES AN
23 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ENROLLED IN SNAP AND THAT INDICATES A CHANGE IN
24 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT THAT INDIVIDUAL'S SNAP ELIGIBILITY, THE
25 DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THAT INDIVIDUAL'S CASE.

26 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

27 1. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

28 2. "SNAP" MEANS THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

29 Sec. 2. Section 46-297.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
30 read:

31 46-297.01. Electronic benefit transfer cards; replacements;
32 out-of-state spending; fraud investigation

33 A. The department shall send each recipient who requests two
34 replacement cards within a twelve-month period a letter informing the
35 recipient that another request will initiate an investigation by the
36 department to determine whether there is fraud. If a third-party vendor
37 is administering replacement cards directly to recipients, the vendor
38 shall notify the department after a recipient requests a second
39 replacement card in a twelve-month period and makes any subsequent request
40 thereafter.

41 B. After a recipient's request for a third replacement card within
42 any twelve-month period, and any subsequent request thereafter, the
43 department shall schedule an interview with the recipient and, if the
44 department has been granted a waiver, determine whether there is fraud
45 before issuing a new card. The recipient's request for a fourth

1 replacement card requires the department to schedule an interview with the
2 recipient to determine whether there is fraud before issuing a new card.
3 The department shall request any necessary federal waivers to comply with
4 this section.

5 C. If a recipient uses more than ten percent of the recipient's
6 electronic benefit transfer card balance in a six-month period on
7 out-of-state purchases, the department shall schedule an interview with
8 the recipient to determine whether there is fraud.

9 D. ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE DATA
10 FROM AN ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD TO IDENTIFY ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO
11 HAS MADE PURCHASES EXCLUSIVELY OUT-OF-STATE OVER A NINETY-DAY PERIOD. THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IDENTIFIED WITHIN THIRTY
13 DAYS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT INDIVIDUAL RESIDES IN THIS STATE. IF THE
14 INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT RESIDE IN THIS STATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REMOVE THAT
15 INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER CONTACTING THE INDIVIDUAL. WITHIN
16 FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S REMOVAL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER
17 THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT
18 WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS TO RESIDE.