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Overview

This bill makes a technical correction to the statute governing EBT cards, and limits the use of the cash portion of EBT cards to certain states.

- 1 Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.** Amends § 256.987, subd. 1. Makes a technical correction.
- 2 Prohibited purchases.** Amends § 256.987, subd. 2. Modifies the prohibition on using the EBT card to purchase tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.
- 3 EBT use restricted to certain states.** Amends § 256.987, by adding a subdivision. Limits use of the cash portion of EBT cards to Minnesota and surrounding states.
- 4 Disqualification.** Amends § 256.987, by adding a subdivision. Permanently disqualifies anyone found to be guilty of using an EBT card to purchase prohibited items. Specifies the needs of the disqualified individual shall not be taken into consideration in determining the grant fund level for that assistance unit. Makes this section effective June 1, 2012.
- 5 Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to change certain specified terms in statute. Allows the Revisor to make changes necessary to correct the punctuation, grammar, or structure of the remaining text and preserve its meaning.