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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1312, L.D. 1822, Bill, “An Act To Increase Integrity in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program through Restriction of Expenditures ”

Amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in amendment) by striking out the following: "striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting" and inserting the following: 'inserting before section 1'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 11 (page 1, lines 3 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

11. Prohibited expenditures. Retailers and vendors may not accept TANF benefits through electronic benefits transfer system debit cards:

- A. To purchase tobacco products, as defined in Title 22, section 1551, subsection 3;
- B. To purchase imitation liquor and liquor, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsections 13 and 16, respectively;
- C. To engage in gambling activity, as defined in Title 8, section 1001, subsection 15;
or
- D. To participate in lotteries conducted by the State pursuant to Title 8, chapter 14-A or the Tri-State Lotto Commission pursuant to Title 8, chapter 16.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:'

Amend the amendment in section 4 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 4 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "section 23" the following: 'and section 3763, subsection 11'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment provides that retailers and vendors may not accept TANF benefits through electronic benefits transfer system debit cards for tobacco, imitation liquor, liquor, gambling or lotteries.

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