



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1657/P1
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DOA:.....Lessner, BB0444 - EBT Equipment Grants

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

EBT equipment grants

This bill requires DHS to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers as a payment processing program. The bill specifies that the electronic benefit transfer processing equipment and services must include equipment and services for the food stamp program, which is known as FoodShare. Under the bill, the vendor that processes the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card transactions must also process any local purchasing incentives.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.79 (7s) of the statutes is created to read:

49.79 (7s) PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bu), the department shall administer a payment processing program to provide to farmers' markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing equipment and services, including electronic benefit transfer for the food stamp program. To participate in the payment processing program, the vendor that is under contract to process the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card transactions shall also process any local purchasing incentives, even if those local purchasing incentives are funded by a local 3rd-party entity.

***NOTE: This bill refers to an appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bu), which is created in LRB 23-1279. The appropriation language in LRB 23-1279 has been drafted to reflect the purpose described in s. 49.79 (7s) of this bill and will need to be updated if changes are made.

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