



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1231/P1

SWB:emw

DOA:.....Lessner, BB0250 - EBT Processing Program

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

***Electronic benefit transfer processing program***

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.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (4) (bu) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (4) (bu) *Payment processing program for farmers.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers under s. 49.79 (7s).

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 49.79 (7s) of the statutes is created to read:

**49.79 (7s) PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM.** The department shall administer

**BILL****SECTION 2**

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.

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