

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3697

To exempt from the Regulation E requirements, State administration of the food stamp program through electronic benefit transfer systems that provide for distribution of means-tested benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1996

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Mr. CONDIT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To exempt from the Regulation E requirements, State administration of the food stamp program through electronic benefit transfer systems that provide for distribution of means-tested benefits.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Encouragement of
5 Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 7(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
8 2016(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) ENCOURAGE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER
2 SYSTEMS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The disclosures, protec-
4 tions, responsibilities, and remedies established
5 under section 904 of the Electronic Fund Transfer
6 Act (15 U.S.C. 1693b), and any regulation or order
7 issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Re-
8 serve System in accordance with such Act, shall not
9 apply to benefits under this Act delivered through
10 any electronic benefit transfer system.

11 “(B) REPLACEMENT OF BENEFITS.—Any regu-
12 lation issued by the Secretary regarding the replace-
13 ment of benefits under this Act, and liability for re-
14 placement of benefits under this Act, under an elec-
15 tronic benefit transfer system shall be similar to the
16 regulations in effect for a paper food stamp issuance
17 system.

18 “(C) DEFINITION OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT
19 TRANSFER SYSTEM.—As used in this paragraph, the
20 term ‘electronic benefit transfer system’ means a
21 system under which a governmental entity distrib-
22 utes benefits determined under this Act, or other
23 benefits or payments, by establishing accounts to be
24 accessed electronically by recipients of the benefits,
25 including through the use of an automated teller

- 1 machine, a point-of-sale terminal, or an intelligent
- 2 benefit card.”.

○