

# HOUSE BILL No. 4278

February 28, 2017, Introduced by Reps. LaFave and Frederick and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57aa.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **SEC. 57AA. (1) A RECIPIENT SHALL NOT USE THE CASH ASSISTANCE**  
2 **BENEFIT ON THE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD, OR THE MICHIGAN**  
3 **BRIDGE CARD, TO PURCHASE SOFT DRINKS OR SODA.**

4           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT**  
5 **OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE FOR A WAIVER TO PROHIBIT**  
6 **A RECIPIENT FROM USING THE FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFIT ON THE**  
7 **ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD, OR THE MICHIGAN BRIDGE CARD, TO**  
8 **PURCHASE SOFT DRINKS OR SODA.**

9           **(3) IF A WAIVER REQUESTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) IS GRANTED, A**  
10 **RECIPIENT SHALL NOT USE THE FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFIT ON THE**  
11 **ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD, OR THE MICHIGAN BRIDGE CARD, TO**

**1 PURCHASE SOFT DRINKS OR SODA.**

**2** Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
**3** after the date it is enacted into law.