

HOUSE BILL No. 4136

January 25, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Johnson, Miller and Coulouris and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 14J. (1) A FOOD ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT MAY PURCHASE**
2 **PREPARED FOOD IN CERTAIN RESTAURANTS AS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE UNDER**
3 **THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (2).**

4 **(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ACCEPT FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IN**
5 **PAYMENT FOR PREPARED FOOD, A RESTAURANT SHALL MEET ALL OF THE**
6 **FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

7 **(A) THE RESTAURANT MUST HAVE A DINING AREA AND SHALL NOT BE AN**
8 **EXCLUSIVELY TAKE-OUT FOOD SERVICE.**

9 **(B) THE RESTAURANT MUST BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
10 **COMMUNITY HEALTH.**

1 (C) THE RESTAURANT MUST SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HUMAN SERVICES TO, AT A MINIMUM, OFFER LOW-COST MEALS.

3 (D) THE RESTAURANT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES
4 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
5 AS A RETAILER.

6 (E) THE RESTAURANT MUST HAVE A POINT OF SALE DEVICE FOR USE BY
7 RECIPIENTS WITH AN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER BRIDGE CARD.