

# HOUSE BILL No. 4636

March 19, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Johnson 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 14k.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 14K. (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.