## **HOUSE BILL NO. 4515**

May 21, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Woolford, Mentzer, Robinson, Kunse, Kelly, Carra, Johnsen, Maddock, Meerman, Alexander, DeSana, Markkanen, Cavitt and Bruck and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

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:

Sec. 14k. (1) The digital photographic image and signature of a recipient of food assistance or cash assistance benefits must be captured or reproduced upon issuance of a Michigan bridge card. The department shall acquire equipment purchased or leased under this section under standard purchasing procedures of the department of

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- 1 technology, management, and budget based on standards and
- 2 specifications established by the department. A digital
- 3 photographic image and signature captured under this section must
- 4 appear on the recipient's Michigan bridge card. If more than 1
- 5 individual is authorized by the department to use the Michigan
- 6 bridge card, both individuals' digital photographic image and
- 7 signature must appear on the card.
- 8 (2) As used in this section, "Michigan bridge card" means a
- 9 debit card issued by the department to deliver food assistance or
- 10 cash assistance benefits to the recipient through an electronic
- 11 benefits transfer.