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Forrester praises Senate support to reduce EBT fraud

Concord, NH – Today the Senate passed HB 219 which would establish guidelines to reduce the improper use of Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards (EBT) and cash benefits. Restrictions for use include gambling, purchase of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, firearms, and adult entertainment.

“I am thankful that the Senate passed HB 219, which as amended, is the same version of my prime sponsored bill that passed by a bipartisan vote earlier this year in the Senate. This bill increases taxpayer protections while reducing potential incidents of fraud related to the way EBT benefits are used,” said Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith).

“Last year alone, the state found over \$1 million worth of fraud for misuse of EBT benefits. When we spend taxpayer money to help those on public assistance, we have a responsibility to protect both the taxpayers and those receiving this critical assistance.”

“This bill is an important measure which provides a clear understanding of how these benefits should be used,” Forrester added.

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