By Senator Bean

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1   A bill to be entitled
2   An act relating to restrictions on use of public
3   assistance benefits; amending s. 402.82, F.S.;
4   prohibiting the use of electronic benefits transfer
5   cards to purchase soft drinks or candy; creating s.
6   414.457, F.S.; directing the Department of Children
7   and Families to request a waiver to prohibit the use
8   of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
9   to purchase soft drinks or candy; providing an
10   effective date.
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12   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14   Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 402.82, Florida
15   Statutes, is amended to read:
16   402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—
17   (4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer
18   card is prohibited at the following locations or for the
19   following activities:
20   (a) The purchase of an alcoholic beverage as defined in s.
21   561.01 and sold pursuant to the Beverage Law.
22   (b) The purchase of soft drinks or candy.
23   (c)(b) An adult entertainment establishment as defined in
24   s. 847.001.
25   (d)(c) A pari-mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002.
26   (e)(d) A slot machine facility as defined in s. 551.102.
27   (f)(e) A commercial bingo facility that operates outside
28   the provisions of s. 849.0931.
29   (g)(f) A casino, gaming facility, or gambling facility, or

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30 any gaming activities authorized under part II of chapter 285.

31   Section 2. Section 414.457, Florida Statutes, is created to

32 read:

33   414.457 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

34 purchases of soft drinks and candy prohibited.—The department

35 shall seek a waiver of federal requirements established under

36 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011

37 et seq., to prohibit persons from using SNAP benefits to

38 purchase soft drinks or candy.

39   Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.