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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 565

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying electronic benefit card prohibited purchases;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.987, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.987, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. Prohibited purchases. (a) An individual with an EBT card issued for one of
1.7 the programs listed under subdivision 1 is prohibited from using the EBT debit card to
1.8 purchase;

1.9 (1) tobacco products and;

1.10 (2) alcoholic beverages, as defined in section 340A.101, subdivision 2;

1.11 (3) lawful gambling devices including bingo cards and sheets, paper and electronic
1.12 pull-tabs, jar tickets, paddle tickets and hard cards, tipboards and tipboard tickets, promotional
1.13 tickets that mimic a pull-tab or tipboard, and raffle tickets; and

1.14 (4) lottery tickets as defined in section 349A.01, subdivision 12.

1.15 (b) Any prohibited purchases made under this subdivision shall constitute unlawful use
1.16 and result in disqualification of the cardholder from the program as provided in subdivision
1.17 4.