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A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring law enforcement departments to report offenders who possess multiple welfare electronic benefit transfer cards to the commissioner of human services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: Section 1. [626.5533] REPORTING WELFARE FRAUD. Subdivision 1. Reports required. A peace officer must report to the head of the officer's department every arrest where the person arrested possesses more than one welfare electronic benefit transfer card. Each report must include all of the following: (1) the name of the offender; (2) the offender's drivers license or state identification card number, where available; (3) the offender's home address; (4) the name on each electronic benefit card in the possession of the offender, in cases where the card has a name printed on it; (5) the date of the offense; (6) the location of the offense; (7) the crime committed; and (8) any other information the commissioner of human services deems necessary. Subd. 2. Use of information collected. The head of a local law enforcement agency or state law enforcement department that employs peace officers licensed under section 626.843 must forward the report required under subdivision 1 to the commissioner of human services within 30 days of receiving the report. The commissioner of human

services shall use the report to assess the suspect's continued eligibility for welfare benefits.

Section 1.

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Subd. 3. Reporting forms. The commissioner of human services, in consultation
 with the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, shall adopt reporting
 forms to be used by law enforcement agencies in making the reports required under this
 section.

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