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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

Re-referred to the Committee on Finance without further recommendation

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying food stamp requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256J.77; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[256D.0516] AGING OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS AND**
1.7 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

1.8 **Subdivision 1. Aging of food stamp benefits.** Food stamp benefits that have not
1.9 been accessed within 12 months are canceled.

1.10 **Subd. 2. Food stamp reporting requirements.** Food stamp recipients required to
1.11 report under federal law shall report every six months as prescribed by the commissioner.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256J.77, is amended to read:

1.13 **256J.77 AGING OF CASH BENEFITS.**

1.14 Cash benefits under chapters 256D, 256J, and 256K, except food stamp benefits
1.15 under chapter 256D, by warrants or electronic benefit transfer that have not been accessed
1.16 within 90 days of issuance shall be canceled. Cash benefits may be replaced after they are
1.17 canceled, for up to one year after the date of issuance, if failure to do so would place the
1.18 client or family at risk. For purposes of this section, "accessed" means cashing a warrant
1.19 or making at least one withdrawal from benefits deposited in an electronic benefit account.