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(F) A PROSECUTION FOR A WELFARE OFFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 27, SECTION 230A OF THE CODE SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

230A.

(a) Any person who fraudulently obtains, attempts to obtain, or aids another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain money, property, food stamps, medical care or other assistance other than medicaid to which he is not entitled, under a social, health, or nutritional program based on need, financed in whole or in part by the State of Maryland, and administered by the State or its political subdivisions is guilty of a misdemeanor. For purposes of this section, fraud shall include:

(1) Wilfully making a false statement or representation; or

(2) Wilfully failing to disclose a material change in household or financial condition; or

(3) Impersonating another person.

(b) Upon conviction, after notice and the opportunity to be heard as to the amount of payment and how the payment is to be made, the person shall make full restitution of the money, property, food stamps, medical care or other assistance unlawfully received, or the value thereof, and shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both fined and imprisoned.

(c) Any person receiving assistance at public expense shall read, or have read to them, a statement of what conduct constitutes fraud under this section and shall sign a statement acknowledging that he understands that the penalties for welfare fraud may be a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

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CHAPTER 203

(Senate Bill 142)

AN ACT concerning