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SOCIAL SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS

WHEREAS, The local departments of social services in the State traditionally have been responsible for investigating cases of suspected fraud or overpayment of benefits under public assistance programs administered by them; and

WHEREAS, The investigation of suspected fraud and overpayment of benefits under these programs can more effectively be administered by the Social Services Administration within the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has approved, effective July 1, 1977, the transfer to the Social Services Administration of the funds and personnel currently assigned to the local departments of social services for such investigative purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6(B) AND 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977:

1. (a) The Special Investigative Unit is created within the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources. The unit consists of the positions authorized by Chapter 154, Acts of 1977, and thereafter as authorized in subsequent budgets and budget amendments.

(b) The personnel, funds, facilities, duties, assets and liabilities of the Special Investigative Unit shall be under the direction and control of the Social Services Administration.

2. (a) The Special Investigative Unit shall initiate and coordinate investigations of suspected fraud or overpayment of benefits in public assistance programs administered by the Social Services Administration and all local departments of social services.

(b) The Social Services Administration shall establish policies and procedures for the operations of the Special Investigative Unit which are consistent with the objectives of State and federal public assistance programs.