

Department, to eliminate overlapping and duplicate administrative authority within the Department as a result of establishing the Office of Inspector General; and

(2) in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2006.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 11, 2006.

CHAPTER 71

(Senate Bill 118)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “qualified distressed county”; altering the definition of “senior citizen activities center”; and generally relating to the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 70B – Department of Aging

Section 33(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 70B – Department of Aging

33.

(b) “Qualified distressed county” means a county that has developed and submitted [to the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development] a local strategic plan for economic development that has been approved by the Secretary OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and:

(1) For which the average rate of unemployment for the most recent 18–month period for which data is available is greater than 150% of the average rate of unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

(2) For which the average per capita personal income for the most recent 24–month period for which data is available is equal to or less than 67% of the average personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.