

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if § 5-1203(aa) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, becomes effective on July 1, 1998, § 5-1203(b-1) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3 ~~6~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 351

(Senate Bill 778)

AN ACT concerning

Welfare Innovation Act of 1996

FOR the purpose of creating a Family Investment Program, including a temporary cash assistance component; repealing provisions relating to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program; renaming the Income Maintenance Administration to be the Family Investment Administration; instructing the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain corrections to the Code; changing certain terminology; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to implement and supervise a certain program; requiring local departments of social services to coordinate the delivery of certain services and administer a certain program; providing for the allocation of certain funds for certain purposes to local departments of social services; establishing certain eligibility standards for certain benefits under the program; providing that the program include certain features; providing for certain cash benefits; providing for certain changes in circumstances; providing for a transitional assistance program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish certain welfare demonstration projects and adopt certain regulations; establishing a Joint Committee on Welfare Reform; providing for a certain pilot project to be conducted jointly by the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds for certain assistance under certain circumstances; requiring the establishment of a certain task force; requiring the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Education, and certain other entities to establish a pilot project to administer a certain program for preschool children; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to seek a certain evaluation of the Family Investment Program; providing for the application of this Act; clarifying that the suspension of a driver's license or privilege to drive for failure to pay child support is exempt from the general limitation that a driver's license or privilege to drive may not be suspended for more than one year; requiring that an individual be out of compliance with a certain court order in order to suspend driving privileges; limiting the issues that may be raised at a certain hearing; requiring certain employers, within a certain period of time, to submit certain information concerning certain employees to the Secretary of Labor,