

FOR the purpose of repealing the abrogation clause for provisions of law relating to deductions from certain public assistance to pay rent for public housing; updating obsolete references; and generally relating to deductions from Family Investment Program assistance payments to pay a public housing authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 88A – Department of Human Resources
Section 17C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 599 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995
Section 4

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

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

17C.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Delinquent tenant” means any tenant of public housing who has been 30 or more days delinquent in paying the tenant’s full monthly rent to a public housing authority.

(3) “Public housing” means any dwelling unit owned, leased, or managed by a public housing authority.

(4) “Public housing authority” means any of the public corporations created under Article 44A of the Code or their designees.

(b) If a recipient of [Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)] FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP) ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS is a delinquent tenant, the Family Investment Administration, at the request of the local public housing authority, shall:

(1) Deduct the amount of the tenant’s rent from the tenant’s monthly [AFDC] FIP assistance [grant] PAYMENTS on an ongoing monthly basis;

(2) Pay the amount deducted from the tenant’s monthly assistance [grant] PAYMENTS to the public housing authority or the housing authority’s authorized agent; and

(3) Forward the remaining amount of the monthly assistance [grant] PAYMENTS to the tenant.

(c) (1) If a court has established an escrow account under § 8-211 of the Real Property Article or a parallel provision of public local law for tenancies covered under