

advisable to acquaint aged persons and the public generally with the old age pension plans of this State.

1935, ch. 592, sec. 20.

20. Any sums made available by the Congress of the United States for old age pensions in the State of Maryland or for reimbursement to the State and/or to the Counties and Baltimore City for expenditures hereunder shall be divided between the State and the Counties and Baltimore City in the proportion of two-thirds to the State and one-third to said Counties and City, the amounts to be divided among said Counties and City to be pro-rated among them in proportion to the amounts paid to pensioners by said Counties and City respectively, unless otherwise provided by said Federal legislation. The Governor, with the approval of the Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief, shall prescribe the procedure for said divisions. So much of the sum paid as assistance to any aged recipient as represents the share of the United States Government in such assistance shall be a lien on the estate of the aged recipient which, upon his death, shall be enforced by the State, and the net amount realized by the enforcement of such lien shall be deemed to be part of the State's allotment from the United States Government for the year in which such lien was enforced; Provided, That no such lien shall be enforced against any real estate of the recipient while it is occupied by the recipient's surviving spouse, if the latter is not more than fifteen years younger than the recipient, and does not marry again. Any amounts collected from the estate of a pensioner under the provisions of Section 8 of this Article shall be applied in satisfaction of said lien, and balance shall be divided between the State and the counties and Baltimore City in the same proportion that the sums provided by the United States Government are directed to be divided under this section; the intention of this section being that the preferred claim provided for under Section 8 shall be enforceable and collectible by the state.

1935, ch. 592, sec. 3.

21. If any Section or part of any Section or any sentence of this Article shall be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Article; nor shall such decision affect the application of said Section or part thereof or said sentence to any other cases or circumstances.