

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 10.

10. (Assignments of Property.) Any County Department, with the consent of the State Department, may require as a condition for granting assistance under the provisions of this Article, that every applicant having an interest in any personal property, tangible or intangible, shall dispose of or transfer to the County Department, any or all such property, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the State Department may prescribe. Provided, however, if any applicant at the time shall have in his possession any insurance policy, be it endowment, industrial, or life insurance, \$300.00 of the face value of the said insurance policy shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the applicant and shall not be assigned to the local County Department. Any property transferred to a County Department under the provisions of this section shall be held by it in trust to sell, pledge, lease, surrender or transfer the same, to pay all claims against it and to do all things necessary for the protection, preservation and management thereof, to collect the income therefrom, and to disburse the principal and income thereof for the benefit of said applicant, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the State Department may prescribe. If the assistance granted to any recipient be discontinued during his lifetime, the property remaining in the hands of the County Department at such time or the proceeds thereof, shall be returned to the recipient, after deducting therefrom the sums paid as assistance. In the event of the recipient's death, the remaining property, or the proceeds thereof, after deducting therefrom any funeral expenses incurred under the provisions of this Article, and the sums paid as assistance, shall be paid to the recipient's estate.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 11.

11. (Payments to Incompetents.) If any applicant or recipient is incompetent or unable to handle the assistance granted him, and has no legal guardian or committee, the Circuit Court of the counties, or the Equity Courts of Baltimore City, upon petition of any County Department, and with the consent of the next of kin, next friend, natural guardian or custodian of the applicant or recipient, shall have the power after notice and hearing to appoint a competent person as his guardian for old age assistance, without bond, whose duty it shall be without compensation to receive and disburse the recipient's assistance on his behalf and to make true and accurate account thereof as often as required. Funds in the hands of any such guardian for old age assistance shall be expended only for the purposes contemplated by this Article, or as directed in the grant of assistance.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 12. 1939, ch. 233, sec. 12.

12. (Funeral Expenses.) On the death of the recipient reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Department, be paid by the County Department if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same and the persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased are unable to pay the same. The cost of any such payments shall be charged two-thirds to State funds and one-third to local funds.