## 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 13.

13. (Assistance Not Assignable.) Assistance granted under this Article shall not be transferable or assignable, at law or in equity, and none of the money paid or payable under this Article shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment or other legal process, or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law.

## 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 14.

14. (Appeal to the State Department.) If an application is not acted upon by the County Department within a reasonable time after the filing of the application, or is denied in whole or in part, or if any award of assistance is modified or cancelled under any provision of this Article, the applicant or recipient may appeal to the State Department in the manner and form prescribed by the State Department. The State Department shall, upon receipt of such an appeal, give the applicant or recipient reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing.

The State Department may also, upon its own motion, review any decision of a County Department, and may consider any application upon which a decision has not been made by the County Department within a reasonable time. The State Department may make such additional investigation as it may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted the applicant as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this Article. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Department shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Department.

All decisions of the State Department shall be final and shall be binding upon the county involved and shall be complied with by the County Department.

15. (Periodic Reconsideration and Changes in Amount of Assistance.) All assistance grants made under this Article shall be reconsidered by the County Department as frequently as may be required by the rules of the State Department. After such further investigation as the County Department may deem necessary or the State Department may require, the amount of assistance may be changed or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if the State or County Departments find that the recipient's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action.

16. (Recovery From a Recipient.) If at any time during the continuance of assistance the recipient thereof becomes possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount stated in the application, it shall be the duty of the recipient immediately to notify the County Department of the receipt or possession of such property or income and the County Department may, after investigation, either cancel the assistance or alter the amount thereof in accordance with the circumstances. Any assistance paid before the recipient has come into possession of such property or income and in excess of his need shall be recoverable by the County Department as a debt due. One-half of the net income realized from all such claims shall