

by the State Comptroller, payable to the proper fiscal officers of the respective counties and of Baltimore City, or to the County Departments as the State Department of Public Welfare may direct, covering the allocations made to the respective County Departments.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), Ch. 12, sec. 20.

20. (No Fees To Be Paid.) No person shall make any charge or receive any fee for representing an applicant or recipient of assistance in any proceeding hereunder, or with respect to any application, whether such fee or charge be paid by the applicant or recipient or by any other person or persons, provided, however, that this prohibition shall not extend to criminal proceedings brought pursuant to the provisions of this Article. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 21.

21. (Fraudulent Acts.) Whoever knowingly obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids, or abets any person to obtain by means of a wilfully false statement or representation or by impersonation, or other fraudulent device, assistance to which he is not entitled, or assistance greater than that to which he is justly entitled; or whoever aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of the property, either personal or real, of a recipient of assistance without the consent of the County Department, and with the intent to defeat the purposes of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or be both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court. In assessing the penalty the court shall take into consideration, among other factors, the amount of money fraudulently received.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 22.

22. (Limitations of Act.) All assistance granted under this Article shall be deemed to be granted and to be held subject to the provisions of any amending or repealing Act that may hereafter be passed, and no recipient shall have any claim for compensation, or otherwise, by reason of his assistance being affected in any way by any amending or repealing Act.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 4.

23. If any provisions of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Article, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.¹

¹Sec. 5 of ch. 12 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1937 repealed all Acts inconsistent therewith.