

by the State of Maryland or Allegany County. Such supplementary payment shall not be greater than the amount required to raise the aforesaid regular annual retirement allowance to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month. If the County Commissioners determine to make such payments, they shall annually levy therefor an amount sufficient to pay the expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved November 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 40.

(House Bill 1)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (a) of Section 15 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind"; sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", said sub-section having been amended by Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1947, relating to residence requirements for the needy blind.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That subsection (a) of Section 15 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", said sub-section having been amended by Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1947, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State continuously for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance; provided, however, that the State Department is authorized and empowered to make reciprocal arrangements with other States to waive residence requirements when, in their judgment, the same is deemed necessary, so long as the waiver does not invalidate Federal matching. In the event that future Federal legislation shall require the abolition of State residence re-