

(1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", Sections 15 and 19 having been amended by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1945, increasing the awards which may be made under said Article, relating to reciprocal arrangements with other States, the payment of assistance to inmates of public institutions under certain conditions and the procedure to be followed where there are not sufficient funds to meet all claims.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-sections (a) and (c) of Section 15 and Sections 16, 19, 25 and 26 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to the Needy Blind", Sections 15 and 19 having been amended by Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1945, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

15. (Eligibility for Public Assistance to the Needy Blind.) Public Assistance shall be granted under this sub-title to any person who

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State continuously for a period of three years 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.

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate. In the event that future Federal legislation should make possible the grant of assistance to inmates of public institutions, the limitations set forth in this sub-section may be rendered null and void by rule and regulation of the State Department, if it is found desirable to conform thereto.

16. (Amount of Assistance.) The amount of public assistance to the needy blind which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the County Board with due regard to the available resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case, and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support