

spectively; provided, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the recipient's surviving spouse or dependents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 700.

(House Bill 49)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 16, 17, 19 and 21 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Old Age Assistance", and to repeal Section 10 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Old Age Assistance"; to clarify the provisions of said sections, to provide for the abolition of certain requirements contained in said sections in the event of certain future Federal legislation, to increase the payments which may be awarded under said Article, to repeal the section relating to the assignment of property by applicants for assistance, and revising said sections generally.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 16, 17, 19 and 21 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Old Age Assistance", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. (Definitions.) As used in this Article, "State Department" means the State Department of Public Welfare created under Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

"County Department" means the County Welfare Board of the respective counties in this State, created and existing under Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof, and includes the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City as created and existing under Section 167 of the Charter of Baltimore City, with the powers, limitations and restrictions imposed by Article 88A and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.