

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).

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.

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.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provisions of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1937.

Approved May 28, 1937.