

CHAPTER 538.

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), to be known as Article 70-A, "Old Age Pensions," and to follow immediately after Article 70, establishing an old age pension system which may be adopted by Baltimore City or by Counties desiring the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be and the same is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), to be known as Article 70-A, "Old Age Pensions," to follow immediately after Article 70, and to read as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Baltimore, or the County Commissioners of any County, are hereby authorized to establish a system of old age pensions in accordance with the provisions of this Article. After having operated under such system for one year or more, the said City or any such County may abandon such system.

2. Any person while residing in a County or in Baltimore City, which maintains a system of old age pensions, who shall comply with the provisions of this Article, shall be entitled to a pension in old age. The amount of such pension shall be fixed with due regard to the conditions in each case, but in no case shall it be an amount which, when added to the income of the applicant, including income from property, as computed under the terms of this Article, shall exceed a total of one dollar a day.

3. An old age pension may be granted only to an applicant who:

(1) Has attained the age of sixty-five years or upwards.

(2) Has been a citizen of the United States for at least fifteen years before making application for a pension.

(3) Has resided in the State and County or Baltimore City in which he makes application:

(a) Continuously for at least fifteen years immediately preceding the date of application, but continuous residence in the State or City and County shall not be deemed to have been interrupted by periods of absence therefrom if the total of such periods does not exceed three years, or,