

adult blind is a proper charge against some other county, or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of each of said counties or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, to file such proofs as they may have, with the State Comptroller within thirty days from the time of such notification, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the State Comptroller to investigate the question of the residence of such adult blind, and to determine of what county or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, said adult blind is a proper charge, and shall thereupon notify the said counties or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, of such determination, and shall notify the Maryland Workshop for the Blind, and the State Comptroller, and the counties and the City of Baltimore as aforesaid, shall thereafter treat and regard such adult blind as of the county or city, as the case may be, according to the determination of the State Comptroller, and if the State Comptroller shall find that such adult blind is not a proper charge against any county or the City of Baltimore, in the State, such adult blind shall thereafter be regarded as a proper charge against the State at large.

17. A needy blind person shall be construed to mean any person of either sex, of good moral character, who, by reason of lack of sight is unable to provide himself with the necessities of life; who has not sufficient means of his own to maintain himself, and unless relieved as authorized by this Act, would become a charge upon the public or upon those not required by law to support him; provided, however, that no person shall be eligible to the relief, who is suffering from insanity which, in itself, would make him a charge upon others for his support; and further provided that no person shall be eligible to the relief while publicly soliciting alms in any part of the State. The term "publicly soliciting" shall be construed to mean the wearing, carrying of receptacles for the reception of alms, or the doing of the same by proxy or correspondence or house to house begging, or playing musical instruments, or singing on public thoroughfares for the purpose of soliciting alms.

18. A needy blind person, in order to receive the relief under this Act, must be a citizen of the United States, must be a resident of this State at the passage of this Act, or must