

hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

1. The care and relief of aged persons who are in need is hereby declared to be a special matter of State concern and a necessity in promoting the public health and welfare. To provide such care and relief at public expense, a state-wide system of relief for the aged, popularly known as "old age pensions," is hereby established. Such old age relief shall be given and administered by the County Welfare Boards created under the provisions of Article 88A of the Code and by the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, subject to partial reimbursement by the State and to supervision by the Board of State Aid and Charities as provided in said Article.

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

- (1) Has attained the age of sixty-five years or upwards.
- (2) Is a citizen of the United States at the time of making application for a pension.
- (3) Has resided in the State for at least five years within the nine years immediately preceding the date of application, the last year of which shall be continuous and immediately precede such application.
- (4) Is not an inmate of or being maintained by any municipal, State or National institution at the time of receiving a pension. An inmate of an institution may, however, make application for such pension, but the pension, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate.
- (5) Has no child or other person responsible, under the laws of this State, for his or her support and able to support him or her; provided that if such child or other person is partially able to support the applicant, such partial support shall be taken in consideration in fixing the amount of any pension that may be granted.

5. An applicant for a pension shall file his or her application in writing with the Local Board of the County in which he or she resides or with the Department of Welfare if a resident of Baltimore City, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the Board of State Aid and Chari-