

CHAPTER 592.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 to 19 inclusive, of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Old Age Pensions," as said sections were enacted by Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1931, and to add a new section to said Article 70A, to be known as Section 20 and to follow Section 19 of said Article, establishing a State-wide system of relief for aged persons in need, commonly known as "old age pensions," to be administered by Local Boards and the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, at the joint expense of the State and of the Counties and Baltimore City, and under the general supervision of a State Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief and an Administrator of Pensions and Relief; and to provide for division between the State and said Counties and City of any funds appropriated by the Federal Government for payment of old age pensions in Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Old Age Pensions," as said sections were enacted by Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1931, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. (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 statewide 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 Counties and the City of Baltimore, subject to partial reimbursement by the State and to supervision by the Department of Old Age Pensions and Relief provided for by this Article.

(2) The word "pension" as hereinafter used in Sections 2 to 19 inclusive, of this Article, shall mean relief payments as described in sub-paragraph (1) of this Section.

2. Any person residing in this State 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,