

## CHAPTER 290.

(House Bill 25)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 17, 18, and 21 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Old Age Assistance".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 17, 18, and 21 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Old Age Assistance", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. (Definitions.) As used in this Article, "State Department" means the State Department of Public Welfare created under Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

"County Department" means the County Welfare Board of the respective counties in this State, created and existing under Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof, and includes the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City as created and existing under Section 167 of the Charter of Baltimore City, with the powers, limitations and restrictions imposed by Article 88A and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

"County" shall be construed to include the City of Baltimore, unless otherwise specified herein.

"Applicant" means a person who has applied for assistance under this Article.

"Recipient" means a person who is receiving assistance under the terms of this Article.

"Assistance" means money payments to aged persons in need.

"Supplementary Services" means services other than money payments to aged persons in need, including payments toward funeral expenses of such persons as provided in this Article.

3. (Eligibility for Assistance to the Needy Aged.) Assistance shall be granted under this Article to any person who

(a) Is 65 years of age or older;

(b) Is a citizen of the United States at the time of making application for assistance;

(c) 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 was continuous and immediately preceding such application; provided, however, that the State Department is authorized and empowered to make reciprocal