

paid or credited to the United States Government, provided, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the recipient's surviving spouse or dependents.

18. (Removal to Another County.) Any applicant who has moved into the county in which he applies within one year prior to application, shall be deemed, for all purposes of this Article, a resident of the county in which he last had one year's continuous residence. Change of county residence within the State shall have no effect upon the eligibility of an aged person.

21. (Fraudulent Acts.) Whoever knowingly obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids, or abets any person to obtain by means of a wilfully false statement or representation or by impersonation, or other fraudulent device, assistance to which he is not entitled, or assistance greater than that to which he is justly entitled; or whoever aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of the property, either personal or real, of a recipient of assistance, while such person is receiving assistance or while his application for assistance is pending without the consent of the County Department, and with the intent to defeat the purposes of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or be both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court. In assessing the penalty the court shall take into consideration, among other factors, the amount of money fraudulently received.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1941.

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 291.

(House Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind"; and to repeal Section 30 of said Article 30.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and