

land (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb, and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", relating to residence requirements and support from relatives of persons receiving assistance and liens against the estates of those who have received assistance under the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 12, 15, 19 and 31 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Deaf, Dumb, and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12. (Definitions.) As used in this sub-title "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 Board" means the County Welfare Board of the several counties in this State or the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, created and existing under Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

"Applicant" means a person who has applied for public assistance under this sub-title.

"Recipient" means any person who is receiving public assistance under this sub-title.

"Public Assistance" means money payments to needy blind individuals and payments necessary for services for such individuals.

15. (Eligibility for Public Assistance to the Needy Blind.) Public assistance shall be granted under this sub-title to any person who

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State continuously for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance. In the event that future Federal legislation shall require the abolition of State residence requirements as a condition for Federal matching, the foregoing State residence requirement shall be considered abrogated and rendered null and void simultaneously with the effective date of such Federal enactment.

(b) Has not sufficient income or other available resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. Support from relatives shall be regarded as a potential resource and evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the State Department. No provision of this sub-section shall be repealed by any other