

law unless this sub-section is specifically referred to in such repeal.

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such an institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate.

(d) Is not receiving old age assistance.

(e) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of rendering himself eligible for assistance under this Article at any time within three (3) years immediately prior to the filing of application for public assistance or the receipt of assistance pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title.

19. (Granting of Assistance.) Upon the completion of such investigation, the County Board shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for public assistance under the provisions of this sub-title, and determine, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department, the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The County Board shall notify the applicant of its decision. Such assistance shall be paid upon order of the County Board from funds allocated to the County Board for this purpose. Should the fund or funds available be sufficient to permit a grant to only a part of the blind persons coming within the provisions of this sub-title, the County Board shall select in its discretion those in most urgent need of such assistance.

31. (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, public assistance to which he is not entitled, or public assistance greater than that to which he is justly entitled; or whoever knowingly or wilfully sells or aids or abets in selling, or whoever knowingly or wilfully buys or aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of the property, either personal or real, of a recipient of public assistance, while such person is receiving public assistance or while his application for public assistance is pending, without the consent of the County Board, 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) or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or be both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of Court. In assessing the penalty, the Court shall take into consideration, among other factors, the amount of money fraudulently received.