

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 the Court. In assessing the penalty, the Court shall take into consideration, among other factors, the amount of money fraudulently received.] *shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of the offense of false pretenses and subject to the terms and penalties provided in Section 150 of Article 27 of this Code, 1939 Edition, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved March 14, 1951.

CHAPTER 85

(House Bill 28)

AN ACT to repeal Sub-section 3(b) of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Old Age Assistance", said sub-section relating to the requirement for citizenship of persons receiving old age assistance in this State.

WHEREAS, Sub-section 3(b) of Article 70A of the Code now has a provision that persons receiving old age assistance in this State must be citizens of the United States; and

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.