

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws presently in existence in the State of Maryland, which are inconsistent in any degree with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1958.

Approved March 6, 1958.

---

CHAPTER 19

(House Bill 97)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 22 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", relating to appeals to the State Department of Public Welfare from action by county welfare boards.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 22 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

22. Appeal from action of county boards to State Department; appeal to circuit court.

If an application is not acted upon by the county board within a reasonable time after the filing of the application, or is denied in whole or in part, or if an award of assistance is modified or cancelled under any provision of this sub-title, the applicant or recipient may appeal to the State Department in the manner and form prescribed by the State Department. The State Department shall, upon receipt of such appeal, give the applicant or recipient an opportunity for a fair hearing. The State Department may also, upon its own motion, review any decision of a county board and may consider any application upon which a decision has not been made by the county board within a reasonable time. The State Department may make such additional investigation as it may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of public assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this subtitle. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Department shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Department. If the applicant or recipient shall feel aggrieved by any decision of the State Department in respect to his case, he shall have the right to appeal such decision to the circuit court of the county in which he resides or to the Baltimore City

---

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.