

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] *local unit*, and with the intent to defeat the purposes of this [article,] *subtitle* shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of the offense of false pretenses and subject to the terms and penalties provided in Section 140 of Article 27, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sections of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of Public Welfare": Sections 1, 2, 3, 7, 12A, 13, 14 and 16, subtitle "In General"; Sections 45, 47 and 56, subtitle "Aid to Dependent Children"; and Section 60A, subtitle "Boarding Care for Children," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, and the aforesaid subtitle "Aid to Dependent Children" is hereby changed to "Aid to Families with Dependent Children," all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 88A IN GENERAL

1.

[There is hereby created and established a new State Department, to be known as the "State Department of Public Welfare." All the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred by law upon the Department of Charities are hereby transferred to, and hereafter shall be exercised and performed by the State Department of Public Welfare, as the lawful successor thereto. Wherever in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland the term "Department of Charities" appears, there shall be substituted, therefor the term "State Department of Public Welfare"; wherever the term "Board of State Aid and Charities" appears, the term "State Department of Public Welfare" shall be substituted therefor.]

[The Board of Public Welfare shall appoint a competent person to act as Director of Public Welfare, and as Secretary to the Board of Public Welfare, who shall be paid for his services such compensation as may be provided in the budget. The Director shall be a competent person having adequate training and practical experience in social welfare work; and in making said appointment, the Board shall be governed by Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. The Director shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office.]

(a) *There is hereby created and established a new State Department, to be known as the "State Department of Public Welfare," hereinafter referred to as the "State Department." There shall be a "State Board of Public Welfare," hereinafter referred to as the "State Board," composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as chairman. All members of the State Board shall hold office for terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 30 of every second year. The members of the State Board who are in office on*