

exclusive and original jurisdiction in all welfare fraud prosecutions regardless of the dollar amount of the fraud.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 109(a) (71) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

109.

(a) (71). Welfare fraud violations under Maryland Code, [Article 88A, Section 59, only where the amount of the assistance unlawfully obtained is less than five hundred dollars.] *Article 27, Section 230A.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 312

(House Bill 832)

AN ACT to repeal Section 59 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of Public Welfare," subtitle "Aid to Families with Dependent Children"; and to repeal Section 81 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare," subtitle "Old Age Assistance"; and to repeal Section 29 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement) title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind"; and to add new section 230A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," to follow immediately after Section 230 thereof, to be under the new subheading "Fraud-Welfare," to provide uniformity in the prosecution of welfare fraud cases by placing all violations of welfare fraud under one section of the Code and to more clearly define what constitutes welfare fraud, and to revise the penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 59 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of Public Welfare," subtitle "Aid to Families with Dependent Children"; that Section 81 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement) title "State Department of Public Welfare," subtitle "Old Age Assistance"; and Section 29 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement) title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind"; be and they are hereby repealed.