

Program"; and to repeal Section 7A of said Article of said Code, title "Higher Education Loan Program" to redefine the terms and conditions of repayment of certain loans under this Article and to repeal the terms and conditions of repayment of vocational school loans.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 5 (a) (1), 5 (a) (2), 7 (a) and 7 (b) of Article 43A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Higher Education Loan Program," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that Section 7A of said Article of said Code, title "Higher Education Loan Program," be and it is hereby repealed, and all to read as follows:

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(a) (1) To lend money, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, within the limitations contained in this Article, to persons who are residents of this State and who have been accepted for enrollment or who are in good standing at eligible colleges or vocational schools in this State or elsewhere, to assist them in meeting their expenses of education; provided, however, that no such person shall receive any loan or loans of more than one thousand five hundred dollars for any academic year [if he is attending a college, nor more than one thousand dollars for any academic year if he is attending a vocational school,] and that no such person shall receive said loan or loans for more than six academic years or their equivalent; and

(2) To guarantee the loan of money, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, within the limitations contained in this Article, to persons who are residents of this State and who have been accepted for enrollment or who are in good standing at eligible colleges or vocational schools in this State or elsewhere, to assist them in meeting their expenses of education; provided, however, that no loan to such a person shall be guaranteed to an amount of more than one thousand five hundred dollars for any academic year [if he is attending a college, nor more than one thousand dollars for any academic year if he is attending a vocational school,] and that such loan or loans shall not be guaranteed for more than six academic years or their equivalent.

7. Terms and conditions of repayment of [college] loan.

(a) The terms and conditions of any [college] loan made or guaranteed by the corporation shall not require the borrower thereof to commence the repayment of his loan earlier than nine months or later than one year after he ceases to pursue a full-time or part-time course of study at an eligible college or vocational school; provided, however, that the board may, by rule, provide that such repayment shall not commence during any period (1) during which the borrower is pursuing a full-time course of study at an institution of higher education or vocational education or at a comparable institution approved by the United States Commissioner of Education; (2) not in excess of three years during which the borrower is a member of the armed forces of the United States; or (3) not in excess of three years during which the borrower is in service as a volunteer under the Peace Corps Act or (4) not in excess of three years during which