

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the State Department of Social Services, or any agency or institution duly supervised or licensed by said Department, from receiving and accepting reasonable reimbursement for the costs of adoptive services in connection with the adoption of a child or children, provided that such reimbursement is in accordance with standards established by regulations of the State Department of Social Services, provided, however, that the ability to provide such reimbursement shall not affect the acceptability of any person or persons applying for adoptive services and shall not affect the choice of the most suitable home for the child or children to be adopted.

It shall be the duty of the State's attorney in each county and in Baltimore City to prosecute all violations of this section, and any agency, institution or individual convicted of violating this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or to imprisonment not to exceed three months, or both, for each offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved May 5, 1970

CHAPTER 649

(House Bill 1457)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 125(c) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," to make certain changes in the provisions of the pension system for judges of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City by creating a contributory pension system and matters generally related thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 125(c) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

125.

(c)(1) Every elected judge of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City **[shall]** *who is retired from active service or is in office on June 30, 1970, shall at his option elect Plan A and thereby be paid, after the termination of his active service, if he is then at least sixty years of age or when he becomes sixty years of age, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per annum for each year or any part thereof of active service by appointment and election as a judge of said Municipal Court up to and including twenty years of such active service, so that a maximum pension or salary for such service payable hereunder to any one person shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per annum. **[**Any former judge who accepts any salaried public office or position,*