

and minibikes.

(f) As used in this section, "bicycle trails" means a publicly owned and maintained lane, way or path designated, by appropriate signs, for use as a bicycle route.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 216

(Senate Bill 219)

AN ACT to add new Sections 84 through 87, inclusive, to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Social Services Administration," subtitle "Old Age Assistance," to follow immediately after Section 83 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Community Home Care Services," to create a program of community care services for certain elderly persons and providing generally for the details and operation of this program.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 84 through 87, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Social Services Administration," subtitle "Old Age Assistance," to follow immediately after Section 83 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Community Home Care Services," and to read as follows:

COMMUNITY HOME CARE SERVICES

84.

IT IS DECLARED THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT THE ELDERLY PERSONS OF THE STATE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND OTHER INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR DESIRES, ABILITIES, AND SAFETY. TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY, THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY THAT WILL SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO ANY INAPPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNDER THIS PROGRAM BE AVAILABLE TO ALL ELDERLY PERSONS, BUT THAT THOSE ELDERLY PERSONS WHO ARE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO DO SO SHALL PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF.