

THREE YEARS AND, AT THE END OF JUNE 1979, AND WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIS ACT SHALL BE ABROGATED AND OF NO FURTHER FORCE AND EFFECT. ]]

90.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THERE IS AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THIS STATE WHO, HAVING FULFILLED A ROLE AS HOMEMAKER, FIND THEMSELVES "DISPLACED" AND WITHOUT OR WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED INCOME IN THEIR MIDDLE YEARS AS THE RESULT OF SEPARATION, DIVORCE, THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF A FAMILY MEMBER PREVIOUSLY DEPENDED UPON FOR SUPPORT, OR OTHER SIMILAR EVENT. THESE "DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS" ARE VERY OFTEN INELIGIBLE FOR WELFARE ASSISTANCE, ARE SUBJECT TO THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF ANY SECTOR OF THE WORK FORCE, FACE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE AND THE ABSENCE OF RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE, ARE INELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY, HAVE OFTEN LOST THEIR RIGHTS AS BENEFICIARIES UNDER EMPLOYERS' PENSION AND HEALTH PLANS AND OTHER INSURANCE PLANS, AND ARE FREQUENTLY UNACCEPTABLE TO PRIVATE INSURANCE PLANS BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT HOMEMAKERS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE-RECOGNIZED PART OF THE WORK FORCE WHO MAKE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ENACTING THIS SUBTITLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY COUNSELING, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, SERVICES, AND HEALTH CARE FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS SO THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY.

91.

AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER, "DISPLACED HOMEMAKER" IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

- (A) IS OVER 35;
- (B) HAS WORKED FOR HIS OR HER FAMILY IN THE FAMILY HOME;
- (C) IS NOT GAINFULLY EMPLOYED;
- (D) HAS HAD, OR WOULD HAVE, DIFFICULTY FINDING EMPLOYMENT; AND
- (E) (1) HAS DEPENDED ON THE INCOME OF A FAMILY MEMBER AND HAS LOST THAT INCOME AS THE RESULT OF SEPARATION, DIVORCE, OR THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF THAT FAMILY MEMBER; OR
- (2) HAS DEPENDED ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AS THE PARENT OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND IS NO LONGER