

Social Services Administration providing for the implementation and administration of the food stamp program in the City of Baltimore and all counties of the State.

(c) (1) In the event that the City of Baltimore or any of the counties of the State [shall fail or refuse] FAILS OR REFUSES to participate in and administer a food stamp program OR, pursuant to [the rules and regulations of the Social Services Administration and] applicable federal AND STATE statutes, rules and regulations, FAILS OR REFUSES [[TO ADMINISTER PROPERLY OR]] TO FINANCE THE NONFEDERAL PORTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, the Social Services Administration may administer[, at its option, a food stamp] THE program in the City of Baltimore or counties of the State. FOR EACH PERIOD OF STATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, THE CITY OF BALTIMORE OR THE COUNTY, AS APPROPRIATE, SHALL REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR ITS REASONABLE NONFEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. PRIOR TO THE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY OFFICAL, IN WRITING, AS TO WHAT SHALL QUALIFY AS A REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSE, AND WHAT SHALL BE THE BASIS OF THE REIMBURSEMENT.

(2) THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MAY FILE AN ACTION IN THE COURT OF APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION TO COMPEL THE CITY OF BALTIMORE OR THE COUNTY TO FULFILL ITS FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ALSO MAY REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER TO RECOVER, BY WITHHOLDING STATE MONIES DUE TO THE CITY OF BALTIMORE OR THE COUNTY, THE REASONABLE NONFEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE IN IMPLEMENTING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OR THE COUNTY.

(d) If any provision of this subtitle conflicts with any applicable federal statute, rule or regulation, the federal statute, rule or regulation[,] shall prevail.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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AN ACT concerning