

AN ACT concerning

Public Assistance Fraud

FOR the purpose of extending to applicants for certain assistance at public expense the provisions that require the reading of a statement of conduct constituting fraud and acknowledgment of the penalties for fraud; and recodifying these provisions.

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 230A(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

230A.

[(c) Any person receiving assistance at public expense shall read, or have read to them, a statement of what conduct constitutes fraud under this section and shall sign a statement acknowledging that he understands that the penalties for welfare fraud may be a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both fine and imprisonment.]

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

16.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC EXPENSE" MEANS ANY ASSISTANCE ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE 27, § 230A(A) OF THE CODE.

(3) "FRAUD" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 27, § 230A(A) OF THE CODE.

(B) EACH APPLICANT FOR OR RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC EXPENSE SHALL READ OR HAVE READ TO HIM OR HER A