

## Article 88A - Social Services Administration

## HOMELESS WOMEN - SHELTER

124.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THIS STATE ARE HOMELESS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT THESE WOMEN HAVE BEEN IGNORED BY STATE AGENCIES AND THE CURRENT STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS DO NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. AS A RESULT, THERE IS A LACK OF QUALITY EMERGENCY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR THESE WOMEN.

125.

AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, "CLIENT" MEANS WOMEN WHO ARE IN NEED OF HOUSING AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER AVAILABLE HOUSING SERVICES.

126.

(A) (1) THERE IS A MODEL CRISIS SHELTER HOME FOR HOMELESS WOMEN UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(2) THE MODEL SHELTER SHALL BE LOCATED IN A MAJOR POPULATION CENTER OF THIS STATE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE USE OF THE SHELTER BY THOSE CLIENTS LIVING IN THE REGION SURROUNDING THE SHELTER.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE MODEL SHELTER SHALL BE TO PROVIDE SHELTER, MEALS, AND COUNSELING TO CLIENTS.

(C) CLIENTS SHALL HAVE COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES IN THE SHELTER.

(D) THE SHELTER HOME SHALL BE DESIGNED AND STAFFED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE SHELTER SHALL PROVIDE ~~CLIENTS~~ CLIENTS WITH A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF NOT MORE THAN 8 CONTINUOUS WEEKS AND NECESSARY COUNSELING TO LINK CLIENTS TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY SERVICES IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE CLIENTS' LIVING CONDITIONS;

~~(2) -- THE -- SOCIAL -- SERVICES -- ADMINISTRATION -- SHALL SUPERVISE, -- DIRECT, -- CONTROL, -- AND -- MANAGE -- THE -- SHELTER -- HOME;~~

(-3- 2) (I) THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF CARE AND ADMISSION POLICIES.

(II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THE SHELTER HOME AND TWICE EACH YEAR EVALUATE ITS EFFECTIVENESS;

(-4- 3) THE SHELTER HOME IS SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION;