

CHAPTER 325

(Senate Bill 902)

AN ACT concerning

Battered Spouse Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Social Services Administration to set charges for services rendered by each shelter home; repealing certain obsolete references to a model home and to a provision concerning an evaluation and report to be made by the Secretary; repealing provisions relating to financing of that home and specifying that funding of the program shall be as authorized in the State budget; substituting a reference to a general program to assist battered spouses and their children for obsolete references to the model shelter homes; changing the name of the subtitle; and making certain technical changes in organization and style.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
 Section 101, 103, and 104, and all to be under the amended subtitle, "Battered Spouse Program"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
 Section 105
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 88A - Social Services Administration
 Battered [Spouses - Shelter] SPOUSE PROGRAM

101.

The General Assembly finds and declares that an increasing number of persons known as battered spouses are forced to leave their homes to insure their life, safety, and welfare. These battered spouses and their children very