AN ACT concerning

Medical Assistance Program - Pharmacy Assistance Program - Financial Eligibility

FOR the purpose of providing for certain increases in the allowable income levels for determining financial eligibility for the pharmacy assistance program under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to set these increases at certain times and according to certain rates; and generally relating to the pharmacy assistance program under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 15-124(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-124.

- (a) (1) The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income individuals whose:
- (i) Assets are not more than the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and
- (ii) [Gross annual income is not more than \$1,700 over the medical assistance income schedule] GROSS ANNUAL INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE-MEDICAL-ASSISTANCE--INCOME SCHEDULE-BY-MORE-THAN:

EACH INDIVIDUAL OVER ONE IN A FAMILY UNIT; AND

- 2. AN ANNUAL INCREASE SET BY THE SECRETARY UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall:
  - (i) Define excluded assets;