

2. WHO HAVE RESIDED IN THEIR DWELLINGS FOR MORE THAN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS; OR

3. WHOSE ASSESSMENTS HAVE INCREASED MORE THAN A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME;

(II) ANY COMBINATION OF THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

(III) ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 589**

**(House Bill 1024)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Assistance – Eligibility for Residents Convicted of a Felony Involving a Controlled Dangerous Substance**

FOR the purpose of allowing certain individuals who have been convicted of certain felonies relating to controlled dangerous substances to be eligible for certain public assistance; altering a certain defined term; and generally relating to public assistance for individuals who have been convicted of certain felonies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 88A – Department of Human Resources  
Section 65A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 88A – Department of Human Resources**

65A.

(a) In this section, [“custodial parent”] “RESIDENT” means a [resident applying for or receiving temporary cash assistance and food stamps who has physical custody of a child or children] PERSON WHO RESIDES IN THIS STATE ON THE DATE THE PERSON APPLIES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.