CHAPTER 388

(Senate Bill 942)

AN ACT concerning

Local Government Obligations -Social Service and Public Assistance Programs

FOR the purpose of providing an express waiver of State claims against certain disputed local obligations in certain disputed social service and public assistance programs; and providing that this Act may not be construed in a certain manner.

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

Any amounts which local governing authorities may still owe to the State under former Sections 13(e), (f), and (g), 18A, 56, 60A, and 62A7-and-79 of Article 88A, as amended by Chapter 709 of the Laws of 1974 and repealed by Chapter 103 of the Laws of 1978, and under Section 5-531 of the Family Law Article as enacted by Chapter 296 of the Laws of 1984, and Chapter 302 of the Laws of 1985, or under Sections 13(d) and 79 of Article 88A are hereby waived. This Act may not be construed to authorize any recoupment of moneys paid to the State under the aforementioned laws prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

CHAPTER 389

(Senate Bill 944)

AN ACT concerning

State Ethics Commission - Penalties --Appeals

FOR the purpose of authorizing-the-State-Ethics-Commission-to impose-a-civil-penalty-not-to-exceed-a-certain-amount-for violations-of-the-State-Ethics-baw-in-accordance-with certain-standards;-allowing-the-Commission-to-petition-a circuit-court-for-certain-additional-penalties;-making certain-technical-changes;-and-generally-relating-to-State Ethics-Commission-disciplinary-authority increasing the fine that a court may impose for certain violations of the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.