- (a) The Governor is authorized to establish a shelter, nutrition, and service program for homeless individuals.
- (b) The purpose of this program is to provide crisis and transition shelter, proper nutrition, and adequate services to homeless individuals.
  - (c) The program shall be coordinated by an advisory board.
- (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- (2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REGULATIONS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
- (I) ESTABLISH UNIFORM REPORTING CRITERIA FOR SHELTERS--FOR--HOMELESS--INDIVIDUALS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
- (II) COLLECT REGIONAL DATA ON THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
- (III) REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY ON THE EXTENT OF HOMELESSNESS DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR; AND
- (IV) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS UNDER-THIS SUBTITUE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

## CHAPTER 703

(House Bill 1181)

AN ACT concerning

Debt Certification - Withholding of Income Tax Refunds - Maryland Higher Education Loan Corporation

FOR the purpose of including requiring the Maryland Higher Education Loan Corporation under-provisions--allowing--State agencies to request withholding of State income tax refunds with regard to certain loan defaults; and generally relating to the withholding of income tax refunds.