SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

## CHAPTER 592

(House Bill 1217)

## AN ACT concerning

## Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program - Eligibility - Income Disregards

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to deduct certain income disregards from the gross income of certain family units when determining eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-124(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read 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 1.5 times the amount of accountable resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and
  - (ii) Gross annual income does not exceed:
- 1. \$4,600 plus \$500 for each individual over 1 in a family unit;
- 2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph (2)(iii) (2)(II)4 of this subsection.
- (2) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.