

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 173

(Senate Bill 407)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision for certain limitations of coverage and copayment requirements in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; and generally relating to the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-124

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 401 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991, as amended by Chapter 98 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993 and Chapter 573 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

Section 3

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;

and

2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph

(2)(ii)4 of this subsection.