

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

SUBTITLE 9. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN FUND.

14-901.

~~THERE IS AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.~~

~~14-902.~~

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) (1) "ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY" MEANS ANY ITEM, PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OR DEVICE, THAT ENABLES AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY TO IMPROVE INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

(2) "ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY" INCLUDES WHEELCHAIRS, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, BRAILLE EQUIPMENT, VOICE SIMULATION SYSTEMS, SCANNERS, ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF, AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEMS, COMPUTERS AND ADAPTIVE PERIPHERALS, BUILDING MODIFICATIONS FOR ACCESSIBILITY, MOTOR VEHICLES, AND VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS.

(C) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN FUND.

(D) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(E) "FUND" MEANS THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN FUND ~~ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(F) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM ~~ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(G) "QUALIFYING BORROWER" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DEMONSTRATES THAT A LOAN MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WILL ASSIST ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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