

CHAPTER 391

(Senate Bill 462)

AN ACT concerning

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program

FOR the purpose of renaming the Loan Assistance Repayment Program administered by the State Scholarship Administration to be the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–1501 through 18–1505 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 15. Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–207(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Janet L. Hoffman was the first and longest-serving lobbyist for Baltimore City in Annapolis, who served full-time in her position for 33 years and another 10 years as a consultant, retiring in 1996 at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Sun called Ms. Hoffman “a strategist as well as a master of government finance” who used Baltimore’s diminishing power in the General Assembly “with pre-eminent efficiency, building coalitions and making friends in high places”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoffman began her government career in 1949 as the first staff person employed by the General Assembly’s Fiscal Research Bureau; and

WHEREAS, By the peak of her career as a lobbyist for the city, Ms. Hoffman was so effective in her work that she was known as Maryland’s forty-eighth senator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoffman’s financial acuity helped her to create complicated financial formulas that helped the struggling city and other local jurisdictions pay for various spiraling expenses, including maintaining local welfare programs and quality school systems; and