5-402. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ADULTS PROGRAM.

(A) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A STATE FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ADULTS PROGRAM IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.

THE PROGRAM SHALL BE:

- (1) IN EFFECT IN EACH COUNTY; AND
- (2) ADMINISTERED BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ADOPTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 65(b) and the last clause of (a), and, as it related to the establishment of the Program, the first clause of (a).

Subsection (a) of this section is restated in standard language for clarity and consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in this article.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to "each county" is substituted for the former reference to "all political subdivisions of this State" for clarity and consistency with terminology used throughout this article.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to "rules" is deleted in light of the reference to "regulations". See General Revisor's Note to article.

Defined terms: "Administration" § 5-101

"Assistance" § 5-401

"County" § 1–101

"Program" § 5-401

5-403. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A RESIDENT OF THE STATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS PART IF THE RESIDENT:

- (1) LACKS SUFFICIENT INCOME OR BENEFITS TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE SUBSISTENCE COMPATIBLE WITH DECENCY AND HEALTH; AND
- (2) (I) IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR RECEIVES CASH BENEFITS UNDER TITLE XVI OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; OR
- (II) IS AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED AS DEFINED UNDER TITLE XVI OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AND, BUT FOR INCOME, WOULD RECEIVE CASH BENEFITS UNDER THAT TITLE.