EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING BROUGHT UNDER THIS PART, A PERSON MAY NOT CHARGE OR RECEIVE A FEE FROM AN APPLICANT, RECIPIENT, OR ANY OTHER PERSON:

     (1)   WITH RESPECT TO AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS PART; OR

     (2)   TO REPRESENT AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IN ANY PROCEEDING UNDER THIS PART.

   (B)   PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $500.

> REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 80.
>
> In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a person being "guilty of a misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976); *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920); *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914); and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

Defined terms: "Applicant" § 5–401
          "Person" § 1–101
          "Recipient" § 5–401

5–412. AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF PART.

   (A)   IN GENERAL.

ANY ASSISTANCE GRANTED UNDER THIS PART IS SUBJECT TO FUTURE REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF THIS PART.

   (B)   NO RIGHT TO COMPENSATION.

A RECIPIENT IS NOT ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION IF THE RECIPIENT'S ASSISTANCE IS AFFECTED BY REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF THIS PART.

> REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 82.
>
> In subsection (a) of this section, the term "future" is substituted for the former phrase "that may hereafter be passed" for brevity and consistency with § 5–322(a) of this title.
>
> Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "assistance ... to be held" is deleted as included in the word "granted".
>
> In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a recipient being "not entitled to" compensation is substituted for the former reference to a recipient not having "any claim for" compensation for clarity and