

The reference to "any other provision of law" is substituted for the former reference to "any other provision in this Code or regulation adopted thereunder, or any prospective provision or regulation" for brevity.

The reference to "the Administration, a local department, or any other unit" is substituted for the former reference to a "State, city or county administration or department of social services or other agency" for brevity and accuracy.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the General Assembly may wish to delete this section as obsolete. This section was enacted in 1975 because the Department was switching its standards for awarding AFDC payments. The Department switched from a budgetary method (which allowed each recipient to receive a certain amount based on family size, rent costs, and any other special needs of the family) to a Consolidated Standard of Need (under which all families of the same size receive the same assistance). This section was enacted to protect the recipients and make sure they were not financially harmed. The law created a "held harmless" group that has long since disappeared with subsequent increases in what is now the temporary cash assistance payment standard.

Defined terms: "Administration" § 5-101

"Local department" § 5-101

5-603. PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DELINQUENT TENANT" MEANS A TENANT OF PUBLIC HOUSING WHO IS 30 OR MORE DAYS DELINQUENT IN PAYING THE TENANT'S FULL MONTHLY RENT TO A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

(3) "PUBLIC HOUSING" MEANS A DWELLING UNIT OWNED, LEASED, OR MANAGED BY A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

(4) "PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY" MEANS A PUBLIC CORPORATION CREATED UNDER DIVISION II OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE OR THE PUBLIC CORPORATION'S DESIGNEE.

(B) DEDUCTION OF RENT FROM ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

IF A RECIPIENT OF TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE IS A DELINQUENT TENANT, THE ADMINISTRATION, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, SHALL:

(1) DEDUCT THE AMOUNT OF THE TENANT'S RENT FROM THE TENANT'S MONTHLY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS EACH MONTH;