

CHAPTER 447

(House Bill 1264)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of adding a reference to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Amendment Act of 1988 to the provisions concerning eligibility of individuals for the Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program; altering certain income eligibility requirements; and generally relating to the Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-202 and 15-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

15-202.

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall administer a Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program for HIV positive individuals.

(b) There shall be no more than 150 recipients enrolled in the Program at any 1 time.

(c) An individual is eligible for the Program if:

(1) Cash assets owned by the individual's family, including savings accounts, checking accounts, and stocks and bonds, do not exceed \$10,000;

(2) The individual's family income, earned and unearned, does not exceed ~~200~~ 300 percent of the federal poverty level;

(3) The individual is eligible for continuation of benefits through [the]:

(I) THE former employer and the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, P.L. 99-272, and any subsequent modifications to [the] THAT Act; OR

(II) THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS AMENDMENT ACT OF 1988, P.L. 100-654, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATIONS TO THAT ACT;