

(3) (4) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to the counties which are listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the law in these counties shall remain in the same force and effect as if not amended by this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 26, 1992.

CHAPTER 628

(House Bill 1505)

AN ACT concerning

Medical Assistance – Cost Containment

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an award of alimony or alimony pendente lite on a bill of complaint for alimony under certain circumstances if a spouse has entered a related institution; requiring a court to consider the effect of an award of alimony on a spouse's eligibility for medical assistance earlier than would otherwise occur; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring courts to admit certain documents into evidence; ~~altering the payments to nursing facilities for reserved beds~~; specifying that the spouse of a medical assistance recipient who has refused to pay for the recipient's care may also be liable for certain administrative and enforcement costs and certain penalties; and generally relating to medical assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 11-101, 11-102, and 11-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15-109(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~15-117~~ 15-105, 15-117, and 15-122

Annotated Code of Maryland

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