

or alter the amount thereof in accordance with the circumstances. Any assistance paid before the recipient has come into possession of such property or income and in excess of his need shall be recoverable by the County Department as a debt due. The net amount realized from all such claims shall be divided among the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each respectively.

17. (Recovery from the Estate.) On the death of any recipient, the total amount of assistance paid under this Article shall be allowed as a claim against the estate. The net amount realized from all such claims shall be divided among the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each respectively; provided, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the recipient's surviving spouse or dependents.

19. (Annual Appropriations.) The County Commissioners of each county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall annually levy or appropriate an amount sufficient to provide for one-sixth of all assistance paid or to be paid within said county or city. Provided, however, that the County Commissioners of each county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be obligated to pay any sums as assistance in excess of one-sixth of the total of all assistance paid or to be paid within said county or city hereunder, except to the extent that funds may be available in the State Treasury.

21. (Fraudulent Acts.) Whoever knowingly obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids, or abets any person to obtain by means of a wilfully false statement or representation, or by impersonation, or other fraudulent device, assistance to which he is not entitled, or assistance greater than that to which he is justly entitled; or whoever knowingly or wilfully sells or aids or abets in selling, or whoever knowingly and wilfully buys or aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of the property, either personal or real, of a recipient of assistance, while such person is receiving assistance or while his application for assistance is pending, without the consent of the County Department, and with the intent to defeat the purposes of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or be both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court. In assessing