

of the General Assembly at the Special Session of 1937, title "Deaf, Dumb and Blind", sub-title "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

17. *Duties of the County Boards.* The County Boards shall:

(a) Submit annually to the County Commissioners or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, after approval by the State Department, a budget containing an estimate and supporting data setting forth the amount of money needed to carry out the provisions of this sub-title;

(b) Perform such duties as are imposed upon them by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended by Chapter 586 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

18. *Eligibility for Assistance to the Needy Blind.* Public assistance shall be granted under this sub-title to any person who

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State for a period of five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance, the last year of which shall be continuous and immediately precede such application;

(b) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such an institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate;

(d) Is not receiving old age assistance;

(e) Has not made an assignment for transfer of property within three (3) years immediately prior to the filing of application pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title;

(f) Has no child or other person responsible under the laws of this State for his or her support and able to support him or her, provided that if such child or other person is partially able to support the applicant, such partial support shall be taken into consideration in fixing the amount of any public assistance that may be granted.

23. *Granting of Assistance.* Upon the completion of such investigation, the County Board shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for public assistance under the provisions of this sub-title, and determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The County