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§ 3301. Definitions

1. Aid. "Aid" means money payments to, or medical care in behalf of or any type of remedial care in behalf of needy individuals who qualify for aid to the aged, blind or disabled, but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or psychosis, mental disease, or who has been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical institution as a result thereof, or any individual who is an inmate of a public institution, except as a patient in a medical institution.

2. Aged. "Aged" means a needy individual who is 65 years of age or older.

3. Blind. "Blind" means a needy individual who is over 16 years of age and has no vision or whose vision, with correcting glasses is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activities for which eyesight is essential.

4. Disabled. "Disabled" means a needy individual who is 18 years of age or older and who is permanently and totally disabled.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3302. State Treasurer as agent

The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of aid to the aged, blind or disabled, and medical or remedial care and services for the medically indigent, and administration thereof, as contemplated by Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the department.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3303. Recipients not to be pauperized

The receipt of aid to the aged, blind or disabled shall not pauperize the recipient thereof, and the receipt of general assistance by such recipient shall not be considered to be pauper support. General relief expense incurred by any municipality or by the State in behalf of such recipient may be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense. The town of settlement, or the State in nonsettled cases, shall reimburse the place of residence for such general relief in the same manner as provided in sections 4471 and 4476. Medical or remedial care and services for the medically indigent provided for any person under chapters 951 to 959 shall not be considered as pauper supplies as defined by section 4452.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3304. Fraudulent representations; penalty

Any person who by means of a willfully false statement or representation, or by impersonation or other fraudulent devices, obtains or attempts to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain:

- 1. Assistance not entitled.** Aid to which he is not entitled;
- 2. Larger assistance.** A larger amount of aid than that to which he is entitled;

3. Forfeited assistance. Payment of any forfeited installment of aid;

and any person who knowingly buys or aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of property of a recipient in such way as to constitute a fraud upon the department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3305. General penalty

Any person who violates any of the provisions of chapters 951 to 957 for which no penalty is specifically provided shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. If a recipient of aid is convicted of an offense under this section, the department may cancel the aid.

1963, c. 433, § 2.