

Chapter 202

(Senate Bill 671)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Resources – Public Assistance Eligibility – Financial Records

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a certain fiduciary institution financial records necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility or ineligibility for ~~public assistance~~ Medicaid benefits, to request and obtain the records; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to obtaining financial records to establish an individual's eligibility for public assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Human Services
 Section 5–604
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

5–604.

(a) The Department may request and obtain from a fiduciary institution doing business in the State any financial records that the Department determines are necessary to verify or confirm an individual's eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance.

(B) ON A SHOWING BY AN APPLICANT FOR LONG-TERM CARE MEDICAID BENEFITS THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FROM A FIDUCIARY INSTITUTION DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE FINANCIAL RECORDS RELATED TO FINANCIAL AND REAL PROPERTY ASSETS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY OR INELIGIBILITY FOR ~~PUBLIC ASSISTANCE~~ MEDICAID BENEFITS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST ~~AND OBTAIN~~ THE RECORDS.

[(b)] (C) (1) (i) The Department shall adopt regulations governing procedures for requesting, obtaining, and examining financial records that the Department determines are necessary to verify or confirm an individual's eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance.

(ii) The regulations shall:

1. include reimbursement schedules necessary to compensate fiduciary institutions for complying with this section; **AND**

2. STATE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT AN APPLICANT MUST SATISFY IN ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST FINANCIAL RECORDS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) The Secretary shall notify a fiduciary institution of the officers or employees of the Department who are authorized to request and receive financial records from the fiduciary institution.

(3) An individual authorized to receive information under this section may not disclose any personally identifiable information obtained or maintained under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.