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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Social Services - Family Investment Program - Deductions from Assistance Payments to**
3 **Pay Public Housing Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the abrogation clause for provisions of law relating to
5 deductions from certain public assistance to pay rent for public housing; updating
6 obsolete references; and generally relating to deductions from Family Investment
7 Program assistance payments to pay a public housing authority.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
10 Section 17C
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 599 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995
15 Section 4

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

18 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

19 17C.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) "Delinquent tenant" means any tenant of public housing who has been
22 30 or more days delinquent in paying the tenant's full monthly rent to a public housing
23 authority.

24 (3) "Public housing" means any dwelling unit owned, leased, or managed by
25 a public housing authority.

26 (4) "Public housing authority" means any of the public corporations created
27 under Article 44A of the Code or their designees.

28 (b) If a recipient of [Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)]
29 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP) ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS is a delinquent tenant,

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1 the Family Investment Administration, at the request of the local public housing
2 authority, shall:

3 (1) Deduct the amount of the tenant's rent from the tenant's monthly
4 [AFDC] FIP assistance [grant] PAYMENTS on an ongoing monthly basis;

5 (2) Pay the amount deducted from the tenant's monthly assistance [grant]
6 PAYMENTS to the public housing authority or the housing authority's authorized agent;
7 and

8 (3) Forward the remaining amount of the monthly assistance [grant]
9 PAYMENTS to the tenant.

10 (c) (1) If a court has established an escrow account under § 8-211 of the Real
11 Property Article or a parallel provision of public local law for tenancies covered under
12 subsection (b) of this section, a public housing authority shall notify the Family
13 Investment Administration of the court action.

14 (2) Upon notification pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection or upon
15 certification by an attorney of record representing the delinquent tenant in the court
16 action that an order has been issued to establish an escrow account, the Family
17 Investment Administration shall pay rent to the court so long as such an order is in effect.

18 (3) Any notification pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection
19 shall include a list of all addresses covered by the court action.

20 (4) The Public Housing Authority shall notify the Family Investment
21 Administration when the court action has been resolved.

22 **Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1995**

23 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 1995. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
25 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 1997.