

SENATE BILL 395

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Finance/Environmental Matters --

Introduced by **Senators Kelley, Hollinger, Ruben, Currie, Sfikas, Forehand,
Dorman, Astle, Lawlah, Mitchell, Teitelbaum, Conway, Hooper, Van
Hollen, and DeGrange**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Guaranteed and Presumptive -**
3 **Expedited Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring guaranteed eligibility under the Maryland Medical~~
5 ~~Assistance Program for pregnant women and for children under a certain age for~~
6 ~~a certain amount of time; requiring presumptive~~ clarifying the application of
7 expedited eligibility for any individual who applies for the Children and
8 Families Health Care Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating
9 to ~~the Maryland Medical Assistance Program~~ expedited eligibility for medical
10 assistance.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 15-101(b-1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

3 Article - Health - General

4 Section ~~15-103(b)(3)~~ and 15-303(b)(1)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article - Health - General**

10 15-101.

11 (B-1) "EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY" MEANS A STREAMLINED ELIGIBILITY PROCESS,
 12 CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
 13 CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN UNDER WHICH AN ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
 14 IS MADE PROMPTLY, BUT NOT LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
 15 APPLICATION.

16 ~~15-103.~~

17 ~~(b) (3) Subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by~~
 18 ~~federal law or waiver, the program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection~~
 19 ~~and the program developed under § 15-301 of this title [may] SHALL provide~~
 20 ~~guaranteed eligibility FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN THROUGH THE SECOND MONTH~~
 21 ~~AFTER THE WOMAN DELIVERS THE CHILD, FOR A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 19~~
 22 ~~YEARS FOR 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, AND for [each] ANY OTHER~~
 23 ~~enrollee for up to 6 months FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, unless an enrollee~~
 24 ~~obtains health insurance through another source.~~

25 15-303.

26 (b) (1) To the extent allowed under federal law and regulations, the
 27 Secretary shall implement {expedited} ~~PRESUMPTIVE~~ eligibility for any individual
 28 who applies THROUGH THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT for the Children and
 29 Families Health Care Program under § 15-301 of this subtitle, INCLUDING ANY
 30 INDIVIDUAL WITH ASSOCIATED FOOD STAMP, CASH ASSISTANCE, OR MEDICAL
 31 ASSISTANCE CASES.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

33 October 1, 2000.

