

Bill No. 5003 .

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Referred to Committee on *Corrections*
Welfare & Humane Care

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LCO No. 142

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Introduced by Rep. Frazier, 10th District

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General Assembly,

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January Session, A.D., 1971 11

AN ACT CONCERNING REPEAL OF PROVISION FOR DISCONTINUANCE ON
CONVICTION FOR WELFARE FRAUD.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Assembly convened:

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Subsection (b) of section 17-83i of the 1969 supplement to
the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted
in lieu thereof: Any person who, by means of an intentionally
false statement or misrepresentation or by impersonation or other
fraudulent act or device, obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids
or abets any person to obtain, any monetary award under this
chapter to which he is not entitled; and any person who, with
intent to defraud, buys or aids or abets in buying or in any way
disposing of the property of a person receiving an award, without
the consent of the commissioner; and any vendor of goods or
services performed for or sold to a beneficiary under the laws
governing assistance for the aged, the blind and the totally
disabled or aid to dependent children who accepts from any person
or source other than the state any additional compensation in
excess of the amount authorized by law, and any person who
violates any other provision of said laws shall be fined not more
than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months
or both. [When a person receiving assistance is convicted of an
offense under this section, the welfare commissioner shall
discontinue his award if such action has not already been taken.]

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To eliminate the requirement that a person 42
convicted of welfare fraud be discontinued from assistance, since 44
this is a double-jeopardy type of punishment which is unrelated 45
to the department's function to determine need and to grant 46
assistance.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 48
additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 50