

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to persons applying for public assistance.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the public assistance fraud time line for disclosing a change in a material fact that affects the determination of a person's eligibility to receive public assistance from the Department of Workforce Services or the Department of Health;
- and

- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-8-1203, as last amended by Chapter 48, Laws of Utah 2000

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-8-1203** is amended to read:

30 **76-8-1203. Disclosure required -- Penalty.**

31 (1) Each person who applies for public assistance shall disclose to the state agency
32 administering the public assistance each fact that may materially affect the determination of
33 ~~his~~ the person's eligibility to receive public assistance, including ~~his~~ the person's current:

- 34 (a) marital status;
- 35 (b) household composition;
- 36 (c) employment;
- 37 (d) income;
- 38 (e) receipt of monetary and in-kind gifts, which would affect the person's eligibility;

39 and

40 (f) ~~other resources~~ assets, which would affect the person's eligibility.

41 (2) ~~Any~~ A person applying for public assistance who intentionally, knowingly, or
42 recklessly fails to disclose ~~any~~ a material fact required to be disclosed under Subsection (1) is
43 guilty of public assistance fraud as provided in Section 76-8-1206.

44 (3) ~~Any~~ With the exception of a client receiving public assistance from the
45 Department of Workforce Services or the Department of Health, a client who intentionally,
46 knowingly, or recklessly fails to disclose to the state agency administering the public assistance
47 ~~any~~ a change in a material fact required to be disclosed under Subsection (1), within ten days
48 after the date of the change, is guilty of public assistance fraud as provided in Section
49 76-8-1206.

50 (4) A client who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to disclose to the
51 Department of Workforce Services or the Department of Health at the time of a review or
52 recertification, whichever comes first, a change in a material fact required to be disclosed under
53 Subsection (1) is guilty of public assistance fraud as provided in Section 76-8-1206.