

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 48-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

SUBJECT: WELFARE FRAUD, 1983 STATUTORY CHANGES

REFERENCE:

This notice is to inform you of the following 1983 chaptered legislation which may impact the investigation and prosecution of welfare fraud.

AB 1485 (Chapter 1092 Statutes of 1983) - This was an omnibus bill modifying the felony/misdemeanor cutoff for theft statutes from \$200 to \$400. Therefore, either a Welfare and Institutions Code 11483 or a Penal Code Section 396 prosecution must be filed as a misdemeanor if the amount allegedly taken is \$400 or less. This legislation was enacted as an urgency statute and became law effective September 27, 1983.

SB 227 (Chapter 1235 Statutes of 1984) - This legislation established new criminal statutes dealing with multiple or duplicate AFDC entitlements. SB 227 created Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 11482.5 and 11483.5. These new sections were added not to replace the existing 11482 and 11483, but to deal with the specific situation of multiple AFDC entitlements or the use of fictitious identities to obtain aid. These new sections create felony sanctions for both attempted multiple entitlement (11482.5) and the actual receipt of multiple entitlements (11483.5). This law became effective January 1, 1984.

If you have any questions regarding these new laws, please contact Rick Tibbetts of the Fraud Program Management Bureau at (916) 924-2836.

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