

PARED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION WHICH IS CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES WHERE SOLD, (6) ALL ITEMS NECESSARY FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, THE FURNISHING OF WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OR SAFETY OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.* THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 447

(House Bill 75)

AN ACT to add new Section 12A to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Merit System", to follow immediately after Section 12 thereof, declaring that no OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A state department, agency or board shall discriminate in the hiring, promotion, firing or in any other manner, against any person because of race, creed, color, or national origin; and applying this new section to both classified and non-classified employees; and providing for penalties for the violation of this section and for methods of enforcement.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 12A be and the same is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Merit System", to follow immediately after Section 12, and to read as follows:

12A. (a). *No OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A state agency, department or board shall discriminate in the hiring, firing, or in any other manner, against any person because of race, creed, color, or national origin. This section applies to both classified and non-classified employees. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$500 for each offense.*

(b). *Any person, whether an employer, prospective employee or not, with information concerning a violation of the provisions of this section may SHALL file the information with the Attorney General. Upon the receipt of said information, the Attorney General shall cause an investigation to be made to ascertain whether the provisions of this section have been violated.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.