

ing the laws of this State with respect to possible discrimination in certain circumstances ; MAKING IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO MAKE A CLAIM UNDER THIS ACT WHICH IS UNFOUNDED OR DISMISSED, AND STATING THE FURTHER EFFECT OF THIS CRIMINAL PROCEEDING UPON A POSSIBLE CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST SUCH A PERSON; AND PROVIDING THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO OR WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE ; AND PROVIDED THAT THE APPLICATION OF THIS ACT TO OR WITHIN CARROLL COUNTY IS SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM OF THE VOTERS THEREIN; AND PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 11, 12, 13 ~~and 14~~ , 14 AND 15 be and they are hereby added to Article 49B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Interracial Commission," subtitle "Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Enforcement Powers of Commission," and to read as follows:

11. *Enforcement Powers of Commission*

*Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged discrimination as to any of the subtitles of this Article, on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin, and within the provisions of any of these subtitles, by himself or his attorney, may make, sign and file with the Commission on Interracial Problems (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") a complaint in writing under oath. The complaint shall state the name and address of the person, firm, association, partnership or corporation alleged to have committed the act of discrimination together with the particulars thereof; and the complaint also shall contain such other information as may be required from time to time by the Commission.*

12.

*(a) After the filing of any complaint, the Commission shall consider the complaint and by a majority vote may refer it to the Commission's staff for prompt investigation and ascertainment of the facts. The results of the investigation shall be made as written findings. A copy of the findings shall be furnished to the complainant and to the person, firm, association, partnership or corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent"), against whom or which the complaint is made.*

*(b) If the finding is that there is probable cause for believing a discriminatory act has been or is being committed within the scope of any of these subtitles, the Commission's staff immediately shall endeavor to eliminate the discrimination by conference, conciliation and persuasion.*

*(c) If an agreement is reached for the elimination of the discrimination as a result of the conference, conciliation and persuasion the agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the respondent, and an order shall be entered by the Commission setting forth*