

27.

*The provisions of this subtitle are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the ordinance or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this subtitle would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the ordinance or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.

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CHAPTER 386

(Senate Bill 173)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 of Article 49B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Interracial Commission", subtitle "Discrimination in Public Places", redefining and broadening the definition of the term place of public accommodation to bring it into conformity with the Federal Public Accommodations Laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 11 of Article 49B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Interracial Commission", subtitle "Discrimination in Public Places", be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

11.

It is unlawful for an owner or operator of a place of public accommodation or an agent or employee of said owner or operator, because of the race, creed, color, or national origin of any person, to refuse, withhold from, or deny to such person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of such place of public accommodation. Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted to prohibit the proprietor of any establishment, or the employees thereof, from the right to deny service to any person for failure to conform to the usual and regular requirements, standards and regulations for the establishment so long as the denial is not based upon discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin. For the purpose of this subtitle, a place of public accommodation means: [any hotel, restaurant, inn, motel or an establishment commonly known or recognized as regularly engaged in the business of providing sleeping accommodations, or serving food, or both, for