

*(n) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application; and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ JUNE 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 484

(Senate Bill 160)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 of Article 49B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Inter-Racial Commission," subtitle "Discrimination in Public Accommodations," broadening the definition of the term "Place of Public Accommodations" to include premises primarily devoted to the sale of alcoholic beverages such as bars, taverns, and cocktail lounges.

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 1967 Supplement), title "Inter-Racial Commission," subtitle "Discrimination in Public Accommodations," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

11. Discrimination unlawful; meaning of term "place of public accommodations."

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. ~~AND NOTICE OF THE RIGHT ACCORDED BY THIS SENTENCE MAY BE PUBLICLY POSTED ON THE PREMISES.~~ For the purpose of this subtitle, a place of public accommodation means: (1) any inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment which provides lodging to transient guests, other than an establishment located within a building which contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and which is actually occupied by the proprietor of such establishment as his residence; (2) any restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other