

Panel shall state and publish its findings and issue its order dismissing the complaint.

(k) Nothing herein shall prevent any person from exercising any right or seeking any remedy to which he might otherwise be entitled or from filing any complaint with any other agency, court of law or equity.

77-18. Limitations upon applicability.

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as applying to:

(a) the rental or leasing of a part of a dwelling in which dwelling the owner is residing, provided the dwelling shall continue to be used by the owner thereof as a bona fide residence for himself and any member of his family and the dwelling does not contain more than two (2) rental or leasing units.

(b) the rental or leasing of a dwelling by any religious corporation, association or society to a person of a particular religion whose residence therein is connected with the carrying on by such corporation, association or society of its purely religious activities.

77-19. Licensing and licensing authorities.

(a) Whenever it appears that the holder of a license or franchise issued by any agency or authority of the State of Maryland or Government of Montgomery County is a person found to be after proper hearing in violation of this Article, the Commission Panel may take such action it deems advisable or desirable, notwithstanding any other action it may take or may have taken under the authority of this Article, and may refer to the proper licensing agency or authority the facts and identities of all persons involved in that finding for such action as the said agency or authority, in its judgment, considers appropriate based upon the facts thus disclosed to it.

(b) Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to relieve any agency or authority of the State of Maryland or Government of Montgomery County of its obligation to take immediate and independent action regarding a matter filed with it that also may be the subject of a complaint filed with the Commission Panel.

77-20. Penalties.

Any person who shall be found to have committed a violation of any of the provisions of this Article relating to discrimination practices or any rule or regulations herein pertaining thereto, shall be subject to injunctive or other appropriate action or proceeding to correct any violation of this Article, and any court of competent jurisdiction may issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions or other appropriate forms of relief.

77-21. Severability.

The provisions of this Article 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 Article or their application to other persons and circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Article 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 Article or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect August 15, 1968.