

## OR REGULATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 335

(House Bill 1033)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 153C(b) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Retail Credit Accounts Law," to prohibit reference to race, color, creed, or national origin in any document or investigation the purpose of which is to establish an applicant's [[commercial]] credit, and to correct the numbering therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 153C(b) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Retail Credit Accounts Law," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

153C.

(b)(1) A retail credit account may be established by the seller or financial institution upon the request of a buyer or prospective buyer. Each such retail credit account agreement shall be in writing and signed by the buyer or, the seller or financial institution shall have made a reasonable attempt to obtain the signature of the buyer to such a written agreement. A legend stating that service charges will be made, in amounts or at rates not in excess of those permitted by law, shall be printed in type no smaller than elite typewriter characters, both in the application form used by the seller or financial institution and either in a copy thereof or in the confirmation handed or mailed to the prospective buyer when the retail credit account is established.

(2) ANY APPLICATION, QUESTIONNAIRE OR OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENT THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ESTABLISH [[COMMERCIAL]] CREDIT FOR AN APPLICANT, SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO THE APPLICANT'S RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN[[.]] ; NOR SHALL ANY INVESTIGATION, MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE APPLICANT'S [[COMMERCIAL]] CREDIT, CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE APPLICANT'S RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

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