

CHAPTER 564

(House Bill 1481)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County - Unlawful Real Estate Practices

FOR the purpose of making it unlawful in Montgomery County for real estate salesmen, agents or brokers to engage in certain practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, or national origin, to provide that the Maryland Real Estate Commission shall enforce the provisions of the law, requiring brokers in Montgomery County to keep certain records which must be disclosed to prospective buyers upon request, relating generally to real estate practices in Montgomery County, and providing for a criminal penalty for violations of this section.

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 230E

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 230E be and it is hereby added to Article 56 - Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

230E.

(A) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR AND EQUAL REAL ESTATE HOUSING PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, AND TO THAT END TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY REAL ESTATE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING IN ORDER THAT THE PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY, PROSPERITY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY MAY BE PROTECTED AND INSURED. THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION.

(B) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY EACH BROKER SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT AND COMPLETE REGISTRY OF ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH HE PERSONALLY LISTS FOR SALE