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CHAPTER 848

(House Bill 390)

AN ACT concerning

Human Relations Commission - Discrimination in Housing

FOR the purpose of prohibiting discrimination in housing on the basis of marital status or sex, and to provide exceptions with respect to the application of certain provisions in the "Discrimination in Housing" subtitle.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 49B - Human Relations Commission Section 21, 22, and 22A Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 21, 22, and 22A of Article 49B — Human Relations Commission, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

- (a) It is the policy of the State of Maryland to provide for fair housing throughout the State of Maryland, to all its citizens, regardless of race, color, religion, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, or national origin; and to that end to prohibit discriminatory practices with respect to residential housing by any person or group of persons, in order that the peace, health, safety, prosperity and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the State may be protected and insured. This law shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the State of Maryland for the protection of the people of the State, and shall be administered and enforced by the State of Maryland Commission on Human Relations.
 - (b) For purposes of this subtitle: