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CHAPTER 321

(Senate Bill 445)

AN ACT concerning

Subpoena Powers - Land in Country Club Use

FOR the purpose of permitting the Office of the Attorney General to apply for a subpoena for information required in connection with inquiries into discriminatory practices by country clubs ~~receiving~~ claiming preferential tax treatment; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes
Section 19 (e) (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 19(e) (4) of Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

19.

(e) (4) (I) For the purposes of this subsection a country club shall mean an area of land of not less than [fifty] 50 acres, on which is maintained a regular or championship golf course of nine holes or more and a clubhouse, and which has a dues-paying membership of not less than [one hundred] 100 persons who pay dues averaging at least [fifty dollars (\$50.00)] \$50 annually per member, with the use of the club being restricted primarily to members, their families and guests, provided that the fact that the club facilities may be used by persons or groups other than members or their guests does not disqualify a club under this subsection. In order to qualify under this section, the club [shall] MAY not practice or allow to be practiced any form of discrimination in granting membership or guest privileges based upon the race, color, creed, sex, or national origin of any person or persons. The determination as to whether or not any club practices discrimination shall be