

funds in any lending institution provided for herein which [is found] THE COMMISSION FINDS to be committing discriminatory practices [by the Commission] and where such findings were upheld by the court. Upon the court's judicial enforcement of any order to restrain a practice of such lending institution or for said institution to cease or desist in a discriminatory practice, the Commission shall notify all persons in charge of public funds of the name of any such lending institution found to be practicing discrimination in the course of providing its customary commercial services. Upon receiving such notification the appropriate fiscal officer or treasurer of the State or any political subdivision thereof which has funds deposited in any lending institution which is practicing discrimination, as set forth herein, shall take immediate steps to have the said funds withdrawn and redeposited in another lending institution. If for reasons of sound economic management this action will result in a financial loss to the State or any of its political subdivisions, the action may be deferred for a period not longer than one (1) year. If the Commission notifies the State or a political subdivision thereof that the lending institution in question has corrected its discriminatory practices any prohibition set forth in this section shall not be applicable. [Any notification by the Commission shall comply with § 13(d) of this subtitle and the prohibitions set out therein shall be binding upon the State and local fiscal officers receiving such notice.]

(c) The provisions of this section are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, subsection or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, the illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, subsections, or parts of the section of their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be legislative intent that this section would have been adopted if the illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, subsection, or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the section or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

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It shall be unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his having exercised or enjoyed, or on account of his having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by §§ [22, 23 or 24] 20, 21, 22, OR 23. This section may be enforced by appropriate civil action.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11 through 30, respectively, of Article 49B - Human Relations Commission, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5 through 28, respectively.