

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

CHAPTER 471

(House Bill 1552)

AN ACT concerning

Handicapped Persons - Entrances to Certain
Business Establishments

FOR the purpose of requiring the owners or lessors of certain business establishments to provide entrances suitable for certain handicapped persons; providing certain minimum standards for these entrances; and providing a penalty for failure to comply with this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section 21-1007
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1977 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-1007.

(A) THE OWNER OR LESSOR OF A SUPERMARKET, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, OR SHOPPING AREA OR CENTER THAT HAS ENTRANCES SURROUNDED BY OBSTACLES DESIGNED TO PREVENT SHOPPING CARTS FROM BEING REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES, SHALL PROVIDE AN UNOBSTRUCTED ENTRANCE DURING BUSINESS HOURS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (B).

(B) SUCH AN ENTRANCE SHALL BE AT LEAST 36 INCHES WIDE AND CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCESS FOR ENTRY AND EGRESS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS CONFINED TO WHEELCHAIRS.

(C) FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUCH AN ENTRANCE, OR FAILURE TO KEEP IT UNLOCKED AND ACCESSIBLE DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR, IS