

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 452

(House Bill 1549)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County - Discriminatory Real Estate Practices
MC 245-81

FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Montgomery County certain discriminatory practices by real estate brokers against persons with certain handicaps.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 230E(a), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 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, HANDICAP AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 49B, § 19 OF THIS CODE, 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.

(d) It is unlawful for any real estate salesman, agent or broker to refuse to show any residential property, for sale or for rent, to any person because of that person's race, color, religion, sex, marital status, HANDICAP AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 49B, § 19 OF THIS CODE, or national origin, or because of the composition or character of the neighborhood in which such property is situated.