

BY adding to

Article 70B - Office on Aging  
Section 5(e) and (f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 70B - Office on Aging

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(E) (1) ~~A--REPRESENTATIVE~~ REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM MAY NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE GOOD FAITH PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

(2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON AGING SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS WITHIN THE LONG-TERM OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

(F) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY INTERFERE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT RETALIATE OR MAKE REPRISALS WITH RESPECT TO ANY PERSON ~~FOR-HAVING~~ WHO FILED A COMPLAINT WITH, OR ~~PROVIDING~~ PROVIDED INFORMATION TO, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

(3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS ~~LIABLE-FOR-A-CIVIL~~ SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 5, 1989.

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