

enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes with the rights of a blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing impaired person under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for each offense.

(2) In addition to any other remedy provided under this Code for a violation of this article, any individual, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any individual, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes with the rights of a blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing impaired person under this section, may be subject to a civil action for injunctive relief.

(i) (1) Blind or visually handicapped persons shall be entitled to full and equal access, as other members of the general public, to all housing accommodations offered for rent, lease, or compensation in the State of Maryland, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law, or State or federal regulations, and applicable to all persons alike.

(2) "Housing accommodations" means any real property, or portion thereof, which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more human beings, but does not include any accommodations, included within paragraph (1) of this subsection, or any single family residence, the occupants of which rent, lease, or furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.

(3) Nothing in this section requires any person renting or leasing housing accommodations to modify his property in any way or provide a higher degree of care for a blind person or visually handicapped person, than for a person who is not blind or visually handicapped.

(4) Every blind or visually handicapped person or deaf or hearing impaired person who has a [guide] SERVICE dog, or who obtains a [guide] SERVICE dog, or who may wish to obtain a [guide] SERVICE dog, is entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this section. Blind or visually handicapped persons or deaf or hearing impaired persons shall not be required to pay extra compensation for [guide] SERVICE dogs, [provided he] HOWEVER THE PERSON may be liable for any damages done to the premises or facilities by [his] THE SERVICE dog.

(j) (1) In this section, "mobility impaired person" means a person who is unable to carry objects or to move or travel about without the use of an assistive device or [guide] SERVICE dog.

(2) (i) A mobility impaired person may be accompanied by a [guide] SERVICE dog especially trained for the purpose in any place where a blind or visually handicapped or deaf or hearing impaired person has the right to be accompanied by a [guide] SERVICE dog.

(ii) A mobility impaired person accompanied by a [guide] SERVICE dog as described under this subsection may not be required to pay extra compensation for the [guide] SERVICE dog, [provided] HOWEVER the mobility impaired person may be liable for any damages to the premises or facilities caused by the [guide] SERVICE dog.