

(1) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE EXISTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY RESOLVE ANY ISSUE RELATED TO THE VIOLATION BY MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION.

(2) IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY BRING AN ACTION FOR EQUITABLE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN A COURT IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED, INCLUDING AN ACTION TO ENJOIN THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR OCCUPANCY OF A BUILDING OR FACILITY THAT VIOLATES THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT SEEK AN INJUNCTION UNTIL 5 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HAS SOUGHT TO RESOLVE THE VIOLATION THROUGH MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION.

(G) PROSECUTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY PROSECUTE CIVIL CASES THAT ARISE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT ARE REFERRED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(H) COOPERATION WITH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CONCERNING AN ACTION BROUGHT BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO ENFORCE ARTICLE 49B, § 22 OF THE CODE.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO ENFORCE ARTICLE 49B, § 22 OF THE CODE.

(I) VIOLATION OF MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE PROHIBITED; PENALTIES.

(1) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY VIOLATE THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE.

(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT FOR EACH VIOLATION TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH DAY THE VIOLATION EXISTS OR BOTH.

(3) A PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title of the "Department of Housing and Community Development".

Subsections (b) through (i) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83B, § 6-102.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to "an appropriate