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CHAPTER 411

(House Bill 857)

AN ACT concerning

Police and Fire Agencies – Information on Incidents Related to Sexual Orientation

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Police, the State Fire Marshal, and certain law enforcement agencies to collect and analyze information relating to incidents apparently directed against an individual's ~~actual or perceived~~ sexual orientation; ~~defining a term~~; and generally relating to the collection and analysis of certain information by certain agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88B – State Police

Section 9

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article 88B – State Police

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(a) ~~(1) IN THIS SECTION, "DISABILITY" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO AN INDIVIDUAL:~~

~~(I) A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT THAT SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS 1 OR MORE OF THE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL;~~

~~(II) A RECORD OF SUCH AN IMPAIRMENT; OR~~

~~(III) BEING REGARDED AS HAVING SUCH AN IMPAIRMENT.~~

(2) The Department shall collect, analyze, and disseminate information relative to the incidence of crime within the State.

(b) (1) The Department shall collect and analyze information relating to incidents apparently directed against [racial, religious, or ethnic groups;] AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP BECAUSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OR THE GROUP'S ~~ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS~~ RELIGION, ETHNICITY, ~~COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER,~~ OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR DISABILITY.