

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing certain monetary relief to victims of~~ establishing a certain civil penalty payable to the General Fund of the State for unlawful discrimination practiced by places of public accommodation or entities licensed or regulated by the Department of Licensing and Regulation; ~~and establishing civil penalties for such unlawful discrimination;~~ and generally relating to ~~monetary relief and~~ civil penalties for unlawful discrimination.

BY adding to

Article 49B – Human Relations Commission

Section 5(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 49B – Human Relations Commission

Section 8, ~~11(e), and 26~~ and 11(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article 49B – Human Relations Commission

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(G) (1) IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT A RESPONDENT HAS ENGAGED IN AN UNLAWFUL PRACTICE UNDER THIS SECTION, IN ADDITION TO OTHER RELIEF AUTHORIZED, THE COMMISSION MAY SEEK AN ORDER ASSESSING A CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST THE RESPONDENT:

(I) IF THE RESPONDENT HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY PRIOR DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$500;

(II) IF THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED 1 OTHER DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE DURING THE 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING ON THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THIS CHARGE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000; AND

(III) IF THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED 2 OR MORE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES DURING THE 7-YEAR PERIOD ENDING ON THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THIS CHARGE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500.

(2) IF THE ACTS CONSTITUTING THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE ARE COMMITTED BY THE SAME NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED DISCRIMINATORY