

PRACTICES, THEN THE CIVIL PENALTIES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (G)(1) (II) AND (III) MAY BE IMPOSED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH ANY SUBSEQUENT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE OCCURRED.

(3) ALL CIVIL PENALTIES SHALL BE PAID TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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(A) It is unlawful for any person, business, corporation, partnership, copartnership or association or any other individual, agent, employee, group or firm which is licensed or regulated by the Department of Licensing and Regulation as set out under Article 41, § 8-102(a) "The Department of Licensing and Regulation," to refuse, withhold from, deny or discriminate against any person the accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, sales, or services because of the race, sex, creed, color, national origin, marital status, or physical or mental handicap of any person. Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted to prohibit any person, business, corporation, partnership, copartnership, association or any other individual, agent, employee, group or firm which is licensed or regulated by the Department of Licensing and Regulation from the right to refuse, withhold from, or deny any person for failure to conform to the usual and regular requirements, standards, and regulations of any person, business, corporation, partnership, copartnership, or association contemplated by this section so long as the denial is not based upon discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, color, creed, or national origin, marital status, or physical or mental handicap.

(B) (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 THAT IS THE OBJECT OF THE CHARGE ARE COMMITTED BY THE SAME NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADJUDGED TO HAVE COMMITTED ACTS CONSTITUTING A DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE,