

(E) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PROHIBIT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR SOCIETY OR ANY NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION OPERATED, SUPERVISED, OR CONTROLLED BY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR SOCIETY FROM LIMITING THE SALE, RENTAL OR OCCUPANCY OF DWELLINGS THAT IT OWNS OR OPERATES FOR OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE TO PERSONS OF THE SAME RELIGION, OR FROM GIVING PREFERENCE TO THESE PERSONS, UNLESS MEMBERSHIP IN THE RELIGION IS RESTRICTED ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

(F) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PROHIBIT A PRIVATE CLUB NOT IN FACT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH AS AN INCIDENT TO ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE OR PURPOSES PROVIDES LODGINGS THAT IT OWNS OR OPERATES FOR OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, FROM LIMITING THE RENTAL OR OCCUPANCY OF THE DWELLINGS TO ITS MEMBERS OR FROM GIVING PREFERENCE TO ITS MEMBERS.

(G) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE LIMITS THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY REASONABLE LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS PERMITTED TO OCCUPY A DWELLING.

(H) THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SUBTITLE THAT DEAL WITH FAMILIAL STATUS DO NOT APPLY TO HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS AS DEFINED IN § 20 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(I) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE PROHIBITS CONDUCT AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE THE PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE OR DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 21, § 802 OF THE U.S. CODE, OR A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, § 277 OF THIS CODE.

(J) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "GROUP HOME" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 83B, § 2-701(C) OF THE CODE.

(2) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PROHIBIT THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING STANDARDS THAT GOVERN THE PLACEMENT OF GROUP HOMES.

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(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 21 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT IS UNLAWFUL: