

HOUSE BILL 155

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By: **Delegate Stup**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Relations Commission - Dry Cleaners and Laundries - Fair Pricing**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a dry cleaner or laundry from discriminating against  
4 individuals in certain pricing policies; requiring these businesses to post a price  
5 list for certain cleaning charges; and generally relating to dry cleaners and  
6 laundries.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article 49B - Human Relations Commission  
9 Section 8B  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 49B - Human Relations Commission**

15 8B.

16 (A) IT IS AN UNLAWFUL PRACTICE FOR AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A DRY  
17 CLEANER OR LAUNDRY OR AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR  
18 OF A DRY CLEANER OR LAUNDRY TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL IN  
19 PRICING POLICIES ON THE BASIS OF GARMENTS AS DETERMINED BY GENDER.

20 (B) AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A DRY CLEANER OR LAUNDRY SHALL  
21 MAINTAIN AND PROMINENTLY POST A PRICE LIST ON THE PREMISES CLEARLY  
22 INDICATING CHARGES FOR CLEANING INDIVIDUAL GARMENTS.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1998.