

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 576 (Senator Hughes. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Housing - Discrimination Based on Source of Income - Prohibited**

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This bill prohibits discriminatory practices in the rental or purchase of residential housing based on source of income. The bill also prohibits discrimination based on source of income regarding access to multiple listing services and membership in real estate brokers' organizations. However, the bill does not prohibit a person from using the source of income in determining the ability of a potential renter or buyer to pay the rental or purchase price.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming that the Human Relations Commission receives fewer than 50 complaints as a result of this bill, any additional workload could be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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