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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Retail Establishments - Individuals with Disabilities - Accommodations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring retail establishments with certain square footage of
4 retail space to have a certain number of motorized shopping carts available for
5 individuals with disabilities; requiring that the retail establishments ensure
6 that the motorized shopping carts are in working condition; requiring that
7 certain retail establishments post a notice with certain information displayed in
8 close proximity to the motorized shopping carts; providing for a certain remedy
9 for individuals aggrieved by a violation of this Act; and generally relating to
10 accommodations in retail establishments for individuals with disabilities.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Business Regulation

13 Section 19-103

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 19-103.

20 (A) A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT WITH 55,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE OF RETAIL
21 SPACE SHALL:

22 (1) HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTORIZED SHOPPING CARTS
23 AVAILABLE FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

24 (2) ENSURE THAT ALL THE MOTORIZED SHOPPING CARTS ARE IN
25 WORKING CONDITION.

26 (3) POST A NOTICE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MOTORIZED SHOPPING
27 CARTS THAT WILL READ:

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"NOTICE

2 THIS STORE PROVIDES ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS. IF THE
3 MOTORIZED SHOPPING CARTS ARE NOT IN WORKING CONDITION, PLEASE
4 CONTACT THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AT 1.800.637.6247."

5 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL AGGRIEVED BY A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE
6 A COMPLAINT WITH THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
8 effect October 1, 2006.