

HOUSE BILL 573

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Chain Restaurants and Hotels – Discounts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring chain restaurants and hotels to provide a certain
4 discount to certain customers under certain circumstances and subject to
5 certain limitations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to discounts
6 for customers at chain restaurants and hotels.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Business Regulation

9 Section 19–103

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Business Regulation**

15 **19–103.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
17 MEANINGS INDICATED.

18 (2) **“MILITARY PERSONNEL” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES**
19 **ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES OR**
20 **IS A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) **“SENIOR CITIZEN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST**
2 **62 YEARS OLD.**

3 (4) **“VETERAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE**
4 **DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OTHER THAN FOR**
5 **TRAINING, AND WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER**
6 **THAN DISHONORABLE.**

7 **(B) EACH CHAIN RESTAURANT IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A**
8 **DISCOUNT OF AT LEAST 10% ON THE TOTAL PRICE OF FOOD SERVED TO A**
9 **CUSTOMER WHO PROVIDES VALID IDENTIFICATION THAT THE CUSTOMER IS:**

10 (1) **MILITARY PERSONNEL;**

11 (2) **A SENIOR CITIZEN; OR**

12 (3) **A VETERAN.**

13 **(C) EACH CHAIN HOTEL IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A DISCOUNT OF**
14 **AT LEAST 10% ON THE TOTAL PRICE OF LODGING PROVIDED TO A CUSTOMER**
15 **WHO PROVIDES VALID IDENTIFICATION THAT THE CUSTOMER IS:**

16 (1) **MILITARY PERSONNEL;**

17 (2) **A SENIOR CITIZEN; OR**

18 (3) **A VETERAN.**

19 **(D) VALID IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND**
20 **(B) OF THIS SECTION:**

21 (1) **SHALL INCLUDE A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY A**
22 **STATE OR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; AND**

23 (2) **INCLUDES:**

24 (I) **A PASSPORT;**

- 1 **(II) AN IMMIGRATION VISA;**
- 2 **(III) A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION;**
- 3 **(IV) A DRIVER'S LICENSE; OR**
- 4 **(V) A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD.**

5 **(E) A CUSTOMER WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCOUNT UNDER THIS**
6 **SECTION IS NOT ENTITLED TO RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE DISCOUNT FOR EACH**
7 **TRANSACTION.**

8 **(F) A DISCOUNT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH**
9 **ANY OTHER DISCOUNT THAT A CHAIN RESTAURANT OR CHAIN HOTEL OFFERS TO**
10 **THE CUSTOMER.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2007.