

SB0642/943229/1

BY: Senator Kittleman

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 642
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0642/848573/1) in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, after “Accommodation –” insert “Study of”; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 4 down through the second “action” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Commission on Human Relations to conduct a certain study and report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date”; in line 10, strike “enforcement” and substitute “a study of the enforcement authority of the Commission on Human Relations”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1 of the bill, in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 18, insert:

“(a) The Commission on Human Relations shall study the impact of expanding the Commission’s authority to impose higher penalties or award additional remedies with respect to acts of discrimination by places of public accommodation, on the following:

- (1) the small business community;
- (2) religious organizations; and
- (3) historic buildings.

(Over)

(b) The Commission shall study the potential impact of imposing a cap on the fees that an attorney may charge for legal services related to acts of discrimination by places of public accommodation.

(c) The Commission shall work with representatives of the business community, local governments, institutions of higher education, the blind and disabled communities, religious organizations, and historic districts to conduct the study required under subsection (a) of this section and formulate recommendations.

(d) On or before December 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report of the Commission's findings and recommendations, including a summary of:

(1) relevant laws from other states; and

(2) cases decided by the Commission on or after January 1, 2010.”

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 1 through 5 of the bill, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 30 on page 5, inclusive.