

HOUSE BILL 1527

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By: **Delegate Beidle**

Rules suspended

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Human Relations – Violations of County**
3 **Discrimination Laws**

4 FOR the purpose of making applicable in Anne Arundel County certain provisions of
5 law authorizing a person that is subjected to a discriminatory act prohibited by
6 the county code to bring and maintain a certain civil action in a certain manner;
7 and generally relating to violations of Anne Arundel County discrimination
8 laws.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 20–1202
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 20–1202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) This section applies only in **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Howard County,
2 Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

3 (b) In accordance with this section, a person that is subjected to a
4 discriminatory act prohibited by the county code may bring and maintain a civil action
5 against the person that committed the alleged discriminatory act for damages,
6 injunctive relief, or other civil relief.

7 (c) (1) An action under subsection (b) of this section shall be commenced
8 in the circuit court for the county in which the alleged discriminatory act occurred
9 within 2 years after the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory act.

10 (2) (i) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, an action under
11 subsection (b) of this section alleging discrimination in employment or public
12 accommodations may not be commenced sooner than 45 days after the aggrieved
13 person files a complaint with the county unit responsible for handling violations of the
14 county discrimination laws.

15 (ii) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, an action under
16 subsection (b) of this section alleging discrimination in real estate may be commenced
17 at any time.

18 (d) In a civil action under this section, the court may award the prevailing
19 party reasonable attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and costs.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.