

HOUSE BILL 549

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By: **Delegates Embry, Addison, Amprey, Attar, Boyce, Edelson, Hill, R. Lewis, Ruff, Shetty, Vogel, and ~~Young~~ Young, Conaway, and Kaufman**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 27, 2024

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statute of Limitations – Prosecution or Enforcement of Local Consumer**
3 **Protection Codes**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for the prosecution or enforcement of
5 local consumer protection codes; and generally relating to the statute of limitations
6 for prosecuting or enforcing local consumer protection codes.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 5–106(gg)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 5–106.

16 **(GG) A PROSECUTION OR ~~ACTION~~ SUIT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A LOCAL**
17 **CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE FOR WHICH EQUITABLE RELIEF, A FINE, OR A**
18 **PENALTY IS PROVIDED SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER ~~THE OFFENSE~~**

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 ~~WAS COMMITTED~~ LOCAL AUTHORITIES KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE
2 KNOWN OF THE VIOLATION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.