

HOUSE BILL 938

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By: **Delegate Impallaria**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Federal Fair Housing Laws – Enforcement by State and Local Governments**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an official of State government who has knowledge of a
4 violation of certain federal fair housing laws taking place in the State to provide
5 notice to the Department of Housing and Community Development of the violation;
6 requiring a political subdivision to take certain action to enforce certain federal fair
7 housing laws and provide certain notice to the Department under certain
8 circumstances; requiring the Department to initiate and supervise certain
9 enforcement actions regarding certain federal fair housing laws under certain
10 circumstances; and generally relating to the enforcement of federal fair housing laws
11 by State and local governments.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Housing and Community Development
14 Section 2–102.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2006 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

20 **2–102.1.**

21 **(A) IF AN OFFICIAL OF STATE GOVERNMENT HAS KNOWLEDGE OF A**
22 **VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT TAKING PLACE IN THE STATE, THE**
23 **OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE VIOLATION.**

24 **(B) IF AN OFFICIAL OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HAS KNOWLEDGE OF A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE
2 BOUNDARIES OF THE JURISDICTION, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

3 (1) TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL LAW; AND

4 (2) PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE VIOLATION AND
5 ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

6 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

7 (1) INITIATE AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION FOR A VIOLATION ABOUT
8 WHICH THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
9 SECTION; AND

10 (2) SUPERVISE THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION ABOUT WHICH THE
11 DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2018.