

(g) (1) Any person or persons, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any person or persons, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes with the rights of a blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing impaired person under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for each offense.

(2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY PROVIDED UNDER THIS CODE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, OR THE AGENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, OR CORPORATION, WHO DENIES OR INTERFERES WITH ADMITTANCE TO OR ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES ENUMERATED IN THIS SECTION, OR OTHERWISE INTERFERES WITH THE RIGHTS OF A BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSON OR A DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION, MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES OR FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

(h) Each year the Governor shall take suitable public notice of October 15 as White Cane Safety Day. He shall issue a proclamation in which he comments upon the significance of the white cane; calls upon the citizens of the State to observe the provisions of the White Cane Law and to take precautions necessary to the safety of the visually handicapped; reminds citizens of the State of the policies with respect to the blind and urges the citizens to cooperate in giving effect to them; emphasizes the need of the citizens to be aware of the presence of visually handicapped persons in the community and to keep safe and functional for the blind or visually handicapped the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public accommodations, public buildings, public facilities, other public places, amusement and resort, and other places to which the public is invited; and offers assistance to the blind or visually handicapped person upon appropriate occasions.

(i) (1) Blind or visually handicapped persons shall be entitled to full and equal access, as other members of the general public, to all housing accommodations offered for rent, lease, or compensation in the State of Maryland, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law, or State or federal regulations, and applicable to all persons alike.

(2) "Housing accommodations" means any real property, or portion thereof, which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more human beings, but does not include any accommodations, included within paragraph (1) of this subsection, or any single family residence, the occupants of which rent, lease, or furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.

(3) Nothing in this section requires any person renting or leasing housing accommodations to modify his property in any way or provide a higher degree of care for a blind person