

SENATE BILL 313

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CF HB 244

By: **Senators Watson and Carter**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions – Damages – Use of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Data**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a calculation of damages for loss of earnings resulting from
4 personal injury or wrongful death from being reduced based on race, ethnicity, or
5 gender; and generally relating to civil actions and damages for loss of earnings.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8 Section 11–109.1

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 **11–109.1.**

15 **A CALCULATION OF DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF EARNINGS RESULTING FROM**
16 **PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH MAY NOT BE REDUCED BASED ON RACE,**
17 **ETHNICITY, OR GENDER.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
19 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
20 application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2022.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

