

HOUSE BILL 591

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HB 549/24 – JUD

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By: **Delegates Embry, Addison, Amprey, Boyce, Edelson, Feldmark, Kaufman, R. Lewis, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Rosenberg, Ruff, Smith, Wells, and Young**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

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(jj)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 **(JJ) A PROSECUTION OR SUIT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A LOCAL CONSUMER**
17 **PROTECTION CODE FOR WHICH EQUITABLE RELIEF, A FINE, OR A PENALTY IS**
18 **PROVIDED SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER LOCAL AUTHORITIES**
19 **KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE VIOLATION.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

