

By Representative Gottlieb

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Civil Rights Act
3 of 1992; creating s. 760.021, F.S.; authorizing
4 the Attorney General to commence a civil action
5 to obtain damages or other relief for a civil
6 rights violation under certain circumstances;
7 providing a civil penalty; providing for
8 attorney's fees and costs; providing an
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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 760.021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

760.021 Enforcement.--If the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that:

(1) Any person or group of persons is engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination; or

(2) Any person or group of persons has been discriminated against and such discrimination raises an issue of general public importance,

the Attorney General may commence a civil action in any appropriate court for damages, injunctive relief, costs, attorney's fees, civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, and such other relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Includes a provision in the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to authorize the Attorney General to commence a civil action to obtain damages or other relief for a violation of civil rights under described circumstances. See bill for details.