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Civil Code § 54.3 – Compiled February, 2012

Our review of the annotated history reveals the following legislative history (every “c.” below represents a separate legislative bill):

§ 54.3

Added: 1968, c. 461

Amended:

- 1976, c. 971: inserted “deaf person” and substituted “is liable for each such offense for the actual damages and, in addition thereto, up to five hundred dollars (\$500) in punitive damages, suffered by any person denied any of the rights provided in §§ 54, 54.1, and 54.2” for “shall be guilty of a misdemeanor”.
- 1976, c. 972: failed to become operative under the provisions of § 4 of that Act.
- 1977, c. 881: inserted “physically” preceding “disabled person”; and raised maximum punitive damages from \$500 to \$1000.
- 1981, c. 395: substituted “any amount as may be determined by a jury, or the court sitting without a jury, up to maximum of three times the amount of actual damages but in no case less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), and such attorney’s fees as may be determined by the court in addition thereto” for “in addition thereto, up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in punitive damages”.
- 1992, c. 913: substituted “an individual with a disability” for “a totally or partially blind person, deaf person, or other physically disabled person”.
- 1994, c. 1257: designated the existing text as subdivision (a) and increased the minimum damage amount from \$250 to \$750 and added the last sentence defining interfere; and added subdivision (b) relating to the nonexclusivity of the remedies provided.
- 1996, c. 498: in subdivision (a), substituted “one thousand dollars (\$1,000)” for “seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)” and made nonsubstantive changes; at the beginning of subdivision (b), inserted the sentence pertaining to verified complaints filed pursuant to Government Code § 12948; and added subdivision (c), relating to liability under both this section and Civil Code § 52.

Eight bills affected this section.

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