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Overview

This section clarifies when and how the notice of architectural barrier is required and when civil actions can be filed after a notice has been sent.

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Notice of architectural barrier. Clarifies when a notice of architectural barrier must be provided and when a civil action can be filed against a person or business who has failed to remedy the violation of accessibility if they are required to do so. This section clarifies that a person who is not represented by an attorney may send a notice, but is not required to, and if they do then they have to follow the notice statute provisions in this section of law.

Effective date. This section applies to civil actions brought under the Human Rights Act on or after the day after final enactment.

Exemptions. Clarifies that a person who sends a notice, whether they have an attorney or not, must follow the notice provisions and law related to the notice.

Effective date. This section applies to Human Rights Act cases brought on or after the day after final enactment.