

HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 9, 2021

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the St. Mary's County Human Relations
4 Commission with regard to encouraging and ensuring the equal treatment of all
5 people; requiring the Commission to maintain a certain list in a certain manner; and
6 generally relating to the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Local Government

9 Section 29–101

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Local Government

14 Section 29–106(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Local Government**

20 29–101.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Alternative dispute resolution” includes mediation.

(c) “Commission” means the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission.

29–106.

(b) The Commission shall:

(1) use its influence and persuasion to direct the efforts of the community to solving problems that many times are the basic reasons for racial tensions; ~~and~~

(2) encourage and ensure equal treatment of all people[, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability,] in compliance with federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to housing, employment, and public accommodations; **AND**

(3) MAINTAIN A LIST ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE OF PROTECTED CLASSES OF PEOPLE IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.