

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

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to the St. Mary's County Human Relations
6 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.

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

22 (b) “Alternative dispute resolution” includes mediation.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 29–106.

2 (b) The Commission shall:

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

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

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