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By: **Delegates McIntosh and A. Jones**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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**Joint Committee on Fair Practices**

3 FOR the purpose of codifying certain provisions of law relating to the Joint  
4 Committee on Fair Practices; clarifying that members of the Committee serve at  
5 the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them; providing for the  
6 appointment of cochairmen of the Committee; repealing certain provisions of  
7 law relating to the Committee; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on  
8 Fair Practices.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - State Government  
11 Section 2-10A-05  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 BY repealing

15 Chapter 347 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996  
16 Section 7 1.

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

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**Article - State Government**

2 2-10A-05.

3 (A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON FAIR PRACTICES.

4 (B) (1) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF ~~SIX~~ TEN MEMBERS.5 (2) OF THE ~~SIX~~ TEN MEMBERS:6 (I) ~~THREE~~ FIVE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPOINTED  
7 BY THE PRESIDENT; AND8 (II) ~~THREE~~ FIVE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPOINTED  
9 BY THE SPEAKER.10 (C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE  
11 PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.12 (D) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A SENATOR  
13 AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS COCHAIRMEN.14 (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE OVERSIGHT OVER MATTERS IN STATE  
15 GOVERNMENT OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICIES AND PRACTICES,  
16 ~~AND PROCUREMENT PRACTICES MADE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER.~~

17 (F) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO:

18 (1) REVIEW REPORTS;

19 (2) EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND  
20 PRACTICES; AND21 (3) IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONCERN AND, AS APPROPRIATE, RECOMMEND  
22 CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
24 read as follows:

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**Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1996**26 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
27 read as follows:

28 [1. Legislative Joint Committee on Fair Practices.

29 (a) There is a Joint Committee on Fair Practices, which has oversight  
30 over matters in State government of equal employment opportunity policies and  
31 practices and procurement practices made under Executive Order.

32 (b) The Joint Committee shall be comprised of:

1 (1) three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the  
2 Senate; and

3 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
4 Speaker of the House.

5 (c) The purpose of the Joint Committee shall be to:

6 (1) review reports;

7 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of programs, policies, and practices;  
8 and

9 (3) identify areas of concern, and, as appropriate, recommend  
10 corrective measures to the Governor and the General Assembly.]

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 1999.