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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -  
Departmental - Human Relations Commission)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Relations Commission - Authorization to Receive Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Human Relations Commission to  
4 accept gifts and grants from State, federal, and private nonprofit organizations  
5 for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Human Relations  
6 Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 49B - Human Relations Commission  
9 Section 3(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 **Preamble**

13 WHEREAS, The Maryland Commission on Human Relations performs  
14 services to the community that support its enforcement activities; and

15 WHEREAS, Communities throughout Maryland benefit from contributing to  
16 activities that enhance public awareness of State discrimination laws and  
17 improvement of equal opportunity for all; now, therefore,

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

20 **Article 49B - Human Relations Commission**

21 3.

22 (a) (1) The Commission may make surveys and studies concerning human  
23 relations, conditions, and problems, and it may promote in every way possible the  
24 betterment of human relations.

1                   (2)       On the basis of studies or surveys, the Commission may recommend  
2 to the Governor additional legislation or changes in existing legislation.

3                   (3)       In making studies and surveys, it may expend any funds provided for  
4 in the budget or otherwise made available.

5                   (4)       THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM STATE,  
6 FEDERAL, AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS  
7 MISSION.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect October 1, 2005.