A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission with regard to encouraging and ensuring the equal treatment of all people; and generally relating to the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 29–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 29–106(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government


(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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(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 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY; and

(2) encourage and ensure equal treatment of all people, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability, in ACCORDANCE with federal, State, and local laws and regulations related to DISCRIMINATION IN housing, EDUCATION, employment, and public accommodations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.