HOUSE BILL 516

By: St. Mary’s County Delegation
Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable
House action: Adopted
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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; 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 2021 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 2021 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


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 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 [compliance] 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.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.