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Public Hearing 04.21.2025
Council Action 05.05.2025
Executive Action 05.08.2025
Effective Date 07.08.2025

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 30 -2025

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

SHORT TITLE: Membership – Human Rights Commission

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to add certain requirements to the membership qualifications for the Howard County Human Rights Commission; and generally related to membership.

Introduced and read first time April 7, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 21, 2025.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 5, 2025 and Passed ___, Passed with amendments ✓, Failed ___.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6 day of May, 2025 at 5:00 a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 8, 2025

Calvin Ball, County Executive

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Section 1. Be It Enacted *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

By amending:

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Subtitle 2. - "Human Rights"

Section 12.202. – "Human Rights Commission"

Subsection III. – "Qualifications"

Title 12. – Health and Social Services

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[[(c)]] ~~(E)~~ (D) Members may serve no more than two successive full terms.

[[(d)]] ~~(F)~~ (E) The nonvoting member shall be a student under the age of 18. The student's term shall be for one year, beginning July 1, and ending June 30.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 30 -2025

BY: Deb Jung

Legislative Day 6
Date: May 5, 2025

Amendment No. 1

~~(This Amendment amends the proposed language of the membership criteria for the Human Rights Commission for consistency with criteria of other commissions in the Code.)~~ (This Amendment removes the proposed membership criteria language, strikes the proposed amendment language, and renumbers accordingly.)

~~On page 1, in line 16 after "IN", insert the following ", HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN,".~~ On page 1, strike lines 16-18 and renumber the remainder of the subsection accordingly.

I certify that this a true copy of
Am 1 to CB 30-2025
passed on May 5, 2025
Michelle Harrison
Council Administrator

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 30-2025

BY: Opel Jones

Legislative Day 6
Date: May 5, 2025

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On page 1, strike line 1 and add the following: "On page 1, strike lines 16-18 and renumber the remainder of the subsection accordingly.".

I certify that this a true copy of
Am1 to Am1 CB30
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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 8, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council