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Council Bill No. 6

An Act creating a Human Relations Commission, establishing the number of members and their terms and providing for their appointment, establishing the duties and functions thereof; providing for cooperation with other groups and government agencies; empowering the Commission to receive complaints and settle civil rights disputes by conciliation, conference, and persuasion, and to perform research and publish the results thereof; providing for meetings of the Commission; providing that the Commission shall receive staff support from the office of the County Administrator; and providing that the County Executive shall designate a Secretary to the Commission.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That Sections 12.600, 12.601, 12.602, 12.603, 12.604, 12.605, 12.606, and 12.607 be and they are hereby added to Title 12 of the Howard County Code, "Health and Social Services," subtitle "Human Relations Commission," to read as follows:

12.600—Composition, Appointment, Terms and Vacancy.

There is hereby created a Commission on Human Relations consisting of nine (9) members to be appointed without regard for political affiliation by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the County Council. ~~The County Executive shall designate one of the members as Chairman.~~ THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEETINGS AND IT MAY ANNUALLY RECOMMEND, TO THE EXECUTIVE, INDIVIDUALS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS, IF MADE, SHALL CONSIST OF TWO NAMES FOR EACH VACANCY TO BE FILLED AND SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE AT LEAST SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE EXPIRING TERM. The initial members shall be appointed and hold office for terms as follows: Three to be appointed for one year, three to be appointed for two years and three to be appointed for three years. Members thereafter appointed or reappointed shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of their appointments and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, except that no members shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled when they occur in the same manner as original appointments and for the unexpired term of the original appointment. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for any personal expense incurred in the performance of their duties as may be provided by the County Council in the annual budget. The County Executive shall designate the County Administrator or other member of his staff as the Secretary of the Commission and be responsible for the maintenance of its records, and shall perform such other duties as are hereinafter provided. The Commission shall receive staff support services from the Office of the County Administrator to the extent budgeted and approved by the County Council in the annual budget.

12.601—The Duties and Functions.

The Commission shall cooperate with the County Executive, County Council, County departments, agencies and officials in securing the furnishing of equal services to all residents; training County employees to use methods of dealing with intergroup relations which develop respect for