

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 257**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Commission for Women**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Commission for Women; providing for the appointment of members of the Commission; repealing provisions that require the membership of the Commission to include certain persons; requiring that certain members of the Commission shall be appointed from among applicants who have been nominated and recommended for appointment by certain organizations; requiring that certain members of the Commission shall be appointed from applicants applying on their own behalf; providing for the terms of the members of the Commission; repealing a provision requiring the Governor to designate from the members a chairman and vice chairman; providing that commissioners are not entitled to receive certain compensation; providing that a commissioner who fails to attend a certain number of meetings during a certain period is considered to have resigned; requiring the members of the Commission to elect a chair and vice chair; repealing a provision stating that the chair of the Commission is the chief executive officer of the Commission; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to appoint an executive director; providing that the executive director is a merit employee of the Department of Human Resources and is entitled to a certain salary; requiring the Commission to advise certain branches of government on issues concerning women, including offering certain testimony before certain bodies; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; ~~providing for the expiration of the terms of~~ authorizing the members serving on the Commission on the effective date of this Act to continue serving until the expiration of certain terms; ~~authorizing certain commissioners whose terms end on a certain date to reapply as commissioner~~ providing for the rotating appointment of certain commissioners; requiring, to the extent practicable, that the appointments to the Commission ensure geographic diversity; and generally relating to the Maryland Commission for Women.

BY repealing

Article 49C – Maryland Commission for Women  
Section 1, 2, and 3  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 49C – Maryland Commission for Women  
Section 1, 2, 3, and 3A  
Annotated Code of Maryland