

enacted by Chapter 19 of the Laws of Montgomery County 1968; to create a Commission on Human Relations who shall research, study, advise and investigate matters relating to any practice of discrimination, prejudice, intolerance or bigotry that may exist on account of race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin; shall exercise educational programs and use persuasion in the elimination of such practice; to initiate or receive complaints of discrimination, prejudice, intolerance and bigotry which deprives persons of equal rights, protection or opportunity; to seek conciliation of such complaints and make recommendations, procedures, programs or legislation to eliminate discrimination; to proceed with other programs to relieve group tension from causes not related to race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin; to create a Commission Panel on Public Accommodations in accordance with administrative and constitutional due process to prohibit discriminatory practices against any person on account of race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin in every place of public accommodation, resort or amusement of any kind, in Montgomery County, Maryland, whose facilities, accommodations, services, commodities or use are offered or enjoyed by the general public, either with or without charge, but shall not include any accommodations which are in their nature distinctly private, and to assure nondiscrimination to all persons, coexistent with the intent and purposes but not necessarily the scope or limitation of the Public Accommodations Provision of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964; to assure enforcement of the provisions of this enactment within its terms; and to have the County Executive, with the approval of the County Council, appoint members to the Commission on Human Relations, Commission Panel on Public Accommodations and Commission Panel on Housing.

*Be It Enacted by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, that—*

*Section 1.* There are hereby added two new articles to the Montgomery County Code 1965, to be known as Article I, title "Commission on Human Relations," and Article II, title "Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation," Chapter 77, to directly precede Chapter 77, Section 77-13 as enacted by Chapter 19 of the Laws of Montgomery County 1968, to read as follows:

Article I. Commission on Human Relations.

Sec. 77-1. Statement of Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the public policy to eliminate discrimination, prejudice, intolerance or bigotry of any forms that may exist on account of race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin.

It is further declared to be the public policy of the county that discrimination in housing and places of public accommodation against any person on account of race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin is contrary to the morals, ethics and purposes of a free, democratic society; is injurious to and threatens the peace and good government of this county; is injurious to and threatens the health, safety and welfare of persons within this county; and is illegal and should be abolished.

Sec. 77-2. Created; membership, appointments and term of office of members; Commission Panels.

There is hereby established a Commission on Human Relations. The Commission shall consist of not less than nine (9) members and not more