

(7) Shall work to develop healthy attitudes within the framework of the Commission's responsibilities; AND

(8) SHALL INFORM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN, INCLUDING OFFERING TESTIMONY ON THESE ISSUES BEFORE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES.

5.

(a) The Commission, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, may accept federal funds granted by Congress or executive order for all or any of the purposes of this article as well as private gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations or foundations. However, the acceptance and use of federal funds shall not be considered a commitment of State funds and places no obligation upon the legislature to continue the purposes for which the funds are made available.

(b) The Department shall include the Commission in its annual budget.

6.

The Commission shall have the full cooperation of all executive departments and agencies of the State in the performance of its duties.

7.

The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly through the Secretary of Human Resources and shall include recommendations based on its studies.

8.

The Commission shall have no authority to promulgate rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the term of office of each member of the Maryland Commission for Women who is serving on the Commission on the effective date of this Act shall expire on October 31, 2005. Each commissioner whose term ends on October 31, 2005, may reapply as commissioner of the Maryland Commission for Women~~ continue to serve until the end of that member's term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the terms of the members of the Maryland Commission for Women whose term of office begins on November 1, 2005, shall expire as follows:~~

(1) ~~in 2007, 3 members appointed by the Governor, 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;~~

(2) ~~in 2008, 2 members appointed by the Governor, 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;~~