employee organization to execute a collective bargaining agreement; authorizing and requiring that a collective bargaining agreement include certain provisions; requiring a collective bargaining agreement to be effective upon a certain approval; requiring the Commission to include adequate funding to carry out an agreement in its proposed operating budget; allowing the Commission and an employee organization to reopen an agreement within a certain period if the Commission's budget is funded inadequately; granting the Commission, a certified employee organization, and certain employees of the Commission certain rights; prohibiting certain actions; establishing unfair labor practice procedures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to collective bargaining and labor relations matters involving the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

## BY adding to

Article 44A - Housing Authorities

Section 2-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article 44A - Housing Authorities**

2-106.

- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) "CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE WHO ASSISTS OR ACTS IN A CONFIDENTIAL CAPACITY WITH RESPECT TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FORMULATES, DETERMINES, OR EFFECTUATES MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN THE FIELD OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.
- (3) "PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE" MEANS A COMMISSION MERIT SYSTEM EMPLOYEE DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE EMPLOYEE'S INITIAL PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT.
- (B). THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO COMMISSION MERIT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES UNDER THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:
  - (1) ATTORNEYS IN THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE:
  - (2) CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES;
  - (3) PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES; OR
- (4) SUPERVISORS, AS DEFINED IN § 2(11) OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT.
- (C) (1) COMMISSION EMPLOYEES ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO BARGAINING UNITS THAT CONSIST OF: