

recommendations, to the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, prior to December 1, 2001, so that the respective committees may review the report and recommendations before the 2002 Session of the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for the purpose of creating incentives for achieving greater minority business participation in private-sector contracts, the Board of Public Works shall study establishing a process for awarding credits or points in the award of State procurement contracts for the achievement of minority business participation in a prime contractor's private-sector projects that do not have minority business goals or requirements. The Board of Public Works shall submit a report on the study, including its findings and recommendations, to the Legislative Policy Committee prior to December 1, 2001 so that the General Assembly may review the report and recommendations before the 2002 Session.

SECTION 4. ~~5.~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 340

(Senate Bill 205)

AN ACT concerning

Antidiscrimination Act of 2001

FOR the purpose of prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation with regard to public accommodations, housing, and employment; making certain remedies and procedures regarding discrimination applicable to discrimination based on sexual orientation; making certain exemptions from certain provisions of law that prohibit certain discrimination applicable to provisions of this Act regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation; providing immunity from liability for certain acts taken by employers in response to certain charges; defining "sexual orientation"; making certain technical changes; providing for the construction and application of this Act; and generally relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 49B - Human Relations Commission
 Section 5; 8(a); 14; 16; 18; 19(a); 20(t); 21(a); 22(a), 23, and 37(a).
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article 49B - Human Relations Commission