FOR the purpose of providing that before the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County may solicit a certain service contract, Executive Director of the Montgomery Commission must provide certain certification; prohibiting the Executive Director from making a certain certification unless the Commission has taken certain actions; requiring the Commission to compare certain costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to provide certain notice and maintain a certain plan under certain circumstances; authorizing the certified representative of an adversely affected Commission employee to submit a proposal in response to a certain solicitation; specifying that noncompliance with the provisions of this Act may not invalidate certain contract awards or proposed contract awards; authorizing a certified representative to file a certain appeal on behalf of a Commission employee if the Commission fails to comply with certain provisions of this Act; authorizing an administrative hearing officer to award an employee certain damages under certain circumstances; providing that a certain award of damages shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for certain violations; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a certain remedy; defining certain terms; and generally relating to Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County service contracts.

BY adding to

Article - Housing and Community Development

Section 16–401 through 16–407 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Service Contracts"

Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article - Housing and Community Development

SUBTITLE 4. SERVICE CONTRACTS.

16-401.

- (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
 - (B) (1) "ADVERSELY AFFECT" MEANS:
- (I) THE ELIMINATION OF MORE THAN TWO EMPLOYEE POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO PERFORM BARGAINING UNIT WORK IF THE POSITIONS ARE AUTHORIZED, FULLY FUNDED, AND EITHER VACANT FOR LESS THAN 90