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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **527** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, SCOTT, DISILVESTRO  
AND SARRAF, APRIL 11, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LAW AND ORDER,  
APRIL 11, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of October 27 1955 (P L 744) entitled as amended

“An act prohibiting certain practices of discrimination because of race color religious creed ancestry age or national origin by employers employment agencies labor organizations and others as herein defined creating the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in the Department of Labor and Industry defining its functions powers and duties providing for procedure and enforcement providing for formulation of an educational program

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

to prevent prejudice providing for judicial review and enforcement and imposing penalties" increasing the membership of the commission and changing quorum provisions

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 Section 6 act of October 27 1955 (P L 744) known as the  
2 "Pennsylvania Human Relations Act" amended February 28 1961  
3 (Act No 19) is amended to read

4 Section 6 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission There shall  
5 be and there is hereby established in the Department of Labor and  
6 Industry a non-partisan departmental administrative commission for  
7 the administration of this act which shall be known as the "Pennsyl-  
8 vania Human Relations Commission" and which is hereinafter referred  
9 to as the "Commission"

10 Said Commission shall consist of [~~nine~~] eleven members to be  
11 known as Commissioners who shall be appointed by the Governor by  
12 and with the advice and consent of two thirds of all the members of  
13 the Senate not more than [~~five~~] six of such Commissioners to be from  
14 the same political party and each of whom shall hold office for a term  
15 of five years or until his successor shall have been duly appointed and

1 qualified. Provided however That in making the first appointments to  
2 said Commission one member shall be appointed for a term of one year  
3 two for a term of two years two for a term of three years two for a  
4 term of four years and two for a term of five years The two members  
5 added to the Commission hereby shall be appointed for terms to run  
6 concurrently with the term of the member or his successor who was  
7 appointed for a one year term when the Commission was first estab-  
8 lished Vacancies occurring in an office of a member of the Commission  
9 by expiration of term death resignation removal or for any other  
10 reason shall be filled in the manner aforesaid for the balance of that term

11 Subject to the provisions of this act the Commission shall have  
12 all the powers and shall perform the duties generally vested in and  
13 imposed upon departmental administrative boards and commissions by  
14 the act approved the ninth day of April one thousand nine hundred  
15 twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177) known as "The Administrative Code  
16 of one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine" and its amendments and  
17 shall be subject to all the provisions of such code which apply generally  
18 to departmental administrative boards and commissions

19 The Governor shall designate one of the members of the Commis-  
20 sion to be its chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the Com-

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mission and perform all the duties and functions of the chairman  
1 thereof The Commission may designate one of its members to act as  
2 chairman during the absence or incapacity of the chairman and when  
3 so acting the member so designated shall have and perform all the  
4 powers and duties of the chairman of the Commission

5 [Five] Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum  
6 for transacting business and a majority vote of those present at any  
7 meeting shall be sufficient for any official action taken by the Com-  
8 mission

9 Each member of the Commission shall receive per diem compen-  
10 sation at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15) per day for the time actually  
11 devoted to the business of the Commission

12 The Commission shall adopt an official seal by which its acts and  
13 proceedings shall be authenticated and of which the courts shall take  
14 judicial notice The certificate of the chairman of the Commission under  
15 the seal of the Commission and attested by the secretary shall be ac-  
16 cepted in evidence in any judicial proceeding in any court of this Com-  
17 monwealth as adequate and sufficient proof of the acts and proceedings  
18 of the Commission therein certified to

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1861.

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Governor