
A G E N D A I T E M S U M M A R Y**Reference No:** CB-30-1990**Draft No:** 2**P r i n c e G e o r g e ' s****Meeting Date:** 7/31/90**C o u n t y C o u n c i l****Requestor:** CO. EXEC.

Item Title: To prohibit discriminatory housing practices based on handicap and familial status; other related provisions

Sponsors P B C WI

Date Presented 3/20/90 **Executive Action** 8/10/90 S
Committee Referral (1) 3/20/90 F&P **Effective Date** 9/25/90
Committee Action (1) 6/25/90 NR(A)
Date Introduced 7/3/90
Pub. Hearing Date (1) 7/31/90 11:00 AM

Council Action (1) 7/31/90 Enacted
Council Votes B_: A_, CA: A_, C_: A_, CI: __, MC: A_, M_: A_,
 P_: A_, W_: A_, WI: A_, __: __, __: __, __: __
Pass/Fail P

Remarks _____

Drafter: Leslie Jackson **Resource** William Welch,
Office of Law **Personnel:** HRC

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Fiscal and Planning Committee Report Date: June 25, 1990

Committee Vote: No Recommendation, as amended, 6-0 (In favor Council Bell, Casula, MacKinnon, Pemberton, and Wilson).

The bill was amended on pages 11 and 13 by extending exceptions to senior housing to the extent permitted by Fair Housing Law.

In 1975, the County Council enacted revisions to the Human Relations Ordinance which were substantially equivalent to the federal regulations. This status allowed the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to negotiate a worksharing agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to handle referred cases.

With the passage of the Fair Housing amendments of 1988 by Congress, the Human Relations Commission is reapplying to HUD to obtain substantial

equivalency status. To achieve this status, the Council must approve the amended County regulations which reflect the federal statutes. The Council's adoption is required before HUD will grant the required status to HRC.

HRC is scheduled to receive approximately \$54,000 for handling the federally - referred cases.

The Office of Law has reviewed the legislation and find it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

There should be no negative fiscal impact on the County if CB-30-1990 is adopted.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The worksharing agreement between Prince George's County and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is based on a declaration of substantial equivalency by HUD. This agreement permits the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to receive reimbursement for the housing cases it resolves that are dually filed. In fiscal year 1991, the Human Relations Commission is scheduled to receive \$54,000.00 With the passage of the 1988 Fair Housing amendments by the Congress all HRC laws in the country were no longer equivalent. Thus, each must reapply and make changes in their laws to become substantially equivalent to the federal law, namely Title VII.