

Human Relations Commission State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission enforces the civil rights laws of the Commonwealth. The Commission administers two laws: the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (originally the Pennsylvania Fair Employment Practice Act) and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act. Commission policy is established by 11 independent and non-partisan commissioners who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Senate. Commissioners adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of the law. The Commission's goal is to eliminate unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, commercial real estate, public accommodations, and education. The Commission conducts two principal programs: a compliance program in which discrimination cases are investigated and resolved, an educational outreach program in which staff members provide information training and guidance to employers, owners, and managers of housing, business proprietors, educators, and others to comply with the law and promote equal opportunity. The Commission also works with a network of public and private agencies to address community tensions that may arise following hate crimes or other public expressions of bias.

The publications of the Human Relations Commission contain annual reports, other reports, and educational guides. Selected topics from these publications include yearly agency happenings, agency history, and sex as a protected class. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2011 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission was created in 1955.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Governor's Office (parent agency)

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class969>.

Administrative Information

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