COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT

(Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as Amended)

PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS

The purpose of the employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act is to prevent and eliminate unlawful discriminatory practices in employment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, age (40 and above), sex, national origin, non-job related disability, known association with a disabled individual, possession of a diploma based on passing a general education development test, or willingness or refusal to participate in abortion or sterilization.

UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

It is unlawful — on the basis of the facts listed above — for an employer, labor union or employment agency to:

1. Deny any person an equal opportunity to obtain employment, to be promoted and to be accorded all other rights to compensation, tenure and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment.
2. Deny membership rights and privileges in any labor organization.
3. Deny any person equal opportunity to be referred for employment.
4. Refuse to contract or otherwise discriminate in contracting with any independent contractor as defined by Section 4(x) of the PHRA.

It is also unlawful for any person, employer, labor union or employment agency to retaliate against an individual because the individual has filed a complaint with the Commission, or has otherwise participated in any Commission proceeding, or for any person to aid or abet any unlawful discriminatory practice under the Human Relations Act.

PARTIES SUBJECT TO THE ACT

The employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act apply to: (1) Employers of 4 or more persons, including units of state and local government, (2) Labor organizations, and (3) Employment agencies.

WHO MAY FILE A COMPLAINT

Complaints may be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination by any of the following: (1) Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against, (2) The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, (3) The Attorney General of Pennsylvania, or (4) An employer whose employees hinder compliance with the provisions of the Act.

PARTIES EXEMPT FROM THE ACT

The employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act do not apply to: (1) Any individual employed in agriculture or domestic service, (2) any individual who, as part of his or her employment, resides in the personal residence of the employer, (3) Any individual employed by his or her parents, spouse or child.

WHO MUST POST THIS NOTICE

Every employer, labor organization and employment agency subject to the employment provisions of this Act is required by law to post this notice in a conspicuous, easily accessible and well-lighted location customarily frequented by applicants, employees or members.

WARNING: Removing, defacing, covering up or destroying this notice is a violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and may subject you to fine or imprisonment.

For further information, write, phone or visit the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission:

Executive Offices: 333 Market Street, 8th Floor · Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210

(717) 787-4410 · (717) 787- 7279 (TTY) or visit us at www.pa.gov/agencies/PHRC

To file a complaint, contact the Regional Office nearest you:

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