

**Public Law 95-444**  
**95th Congress**

**An Act**

To extend the Commission on Civil Rights for five years, to authorize appropriations for the Commission, to effect certain technical changes to comply with changes in the law, and for other purposes.

Oct. 10, 1978

[S. 3067]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Civil Rights Commission Act of 1978".

Civil Rights  
Commission Act  
of 1978.  
42 USC 1975  
note.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 103(a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975b(a)) is amended by striking out "section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended (5 U.S.C. 73b-2; 60 Stat. 808)." and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code."

42 USC 1975b.

(b) Section 103(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975(b)) is amended by striking out "the provisions of the Travel Expenses Act of 1949, as amended (5 U.S.C. 835-42; 63 Stat. 166)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5 of the United States Code".

SEC. 3. (a) Section 104 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975c) is amended—

(1) in each of subsections (a) (1) and (a) (2), by inserting "age, handicap," after "sex,";

(2) in each of subsections (a) (3) and (a) (4), by inserting "age, handicap," after "sex";

(3) in subsection (a) (2) by inserting "discrimination or" before "a denial";

(4) in each of subsections (a) (3) and (a) (4), by inserting "discrimination or" before "denials";

(5) by redesignating paragraph (6) of subsection (a) as subsection (b);

(6) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d), respectively; and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) As used in this section, the term 'handicap' means, with respect to an individual, a circumstance that would make that individual a handicapped individual as defined in the second sentence of section 7(6) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706(6))."

"Handicap".

"(f) Nothing in this or any other Act shall be construed as authorizing the Commission, its Advisory Committees, or any person under its supervision or control to appraise, or to study and collect information about, laws and policies of the Federal Government, or any other governmental authority in the United States, with respect to abortion."

Abortion.  
Limitation of  
Commission  
authority.

(b) Subsection (b) (which is redesignated as subsection (c) by this Act) of section 104 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975c(b)) is amended by striking out "fiscal year 1978" and inserting in lieu thereof "the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983".

SEC. 4. Section 105(a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975d(a)) is amended by striking out "and who shall receive compensation at a rate, to be fixed by the President, not in excess of \$22,500 a year".

SEC. 5. Section 105(c) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975d(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after “within States” the following: “as it deems advisable, but the Commission shall constitute at least one advisory committee within each State”; and

(2) by striking out “and may consult” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “. The Commission may consult”.

SEC. 6. Section 105(d) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975(d)) is amended by striking out “sections 281, 283, 284, 434, and 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code, and section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99)” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “sections 203, 205, 207, 208, and 209 of title 18 of the United States Code”.

SEC. 7. Section 106 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975e) is amended to read as follows:

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 106. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979.”.

Approved October 10, 1978.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 95-1140 accompanying H.R. 12432 (Comm. on the Judiciary) and No. 95-1626 (Comm. of Conference).

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June 27, considered and passed Senate.

June 26, July 28, Sept. 6, H.R. 12432 considered in House.

Sept. 6, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 12432.

Sept. 28, House and Senate agreed to conference report.