

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights will meet to rule on discrimination complaints

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LEXINGTON – The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Lexington, Ky., to rule on discrimination complaints for the people of Kentucky.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. (EST), at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Hotel, 1000 Export Street, Lexington, Ky. 40504. This state government meeting is free and open to the public.

On the next day, Wednesday, Jan. 27, the commission will hold its Legal Symposium commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act passage at the University of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 344), and, through its affiliations with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, enforces federal civil rights laws.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations. Discrimination is prohibited in the aforementioned areas based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, and disability. In employment, discrimination is further prohibited on the basis of age (40-years and over) and on the basis of tobacco-smoking status. In housing, discrimination is further prohibited based on familial status, which protects people with children in the household under the age of 18-years old, and it protects women who are pregnant. It is also a violation of the law to retaliate against a person for complaining of discrimination to the commission.

For help with discrimination or ask the commission to file a discrimination complaint for you, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For information about the commission and civil rights, visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov

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