

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISCRIMINATION: Provides relative to discrimination in sale or rental of housing and other prohibited practices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (12), 2606(A)(1) through (5),
3 2607(A) and (C), and 2608 and to enact R.S. 51:2603(13) and (14), relative to
4 discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; to prohibit discriminatory housing
5 practices based on sexual orientation and gender identity; to provide for definitions;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (12), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A)
9 and (C), and 2608 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:2603(13) and (14) are
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2602. Policy

12 A. The legislature finds and declares that persons in this state who seek a
13 place to live should be able to find such housing whenever it is available. Further,
14 in many localities there may be housing shortages. All persons should therefore be
15 able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless
16 of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, familial
17 status, or national origin.

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19 §2603. Definitions

20 As used in this Chapter:

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1 religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or
2 national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or
3 discrimination.

4 (4) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual
5 orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or national origin that any
6 dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact
7 so available.

8 (5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any
9 dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the
10 neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, sexual
11 orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or national origin.

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13 §2607. Discrimination in residential real estate related transactions

14 A. It is unlawful for any person or other entity whose business includes
15 engaging in residential real estate related transactions to discriminate against any
16 person in making available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such
17 a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
18 disability, familial status, or national origin.

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20 C. Nothing in this Chapter prohibits a person engaged in the business of
21 furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration factors other than
22 race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
23 disability, or familial status.

24 §2608. Discrimination in provision of brokerage services

25 It is unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in
26 any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service,
27 organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to
28 discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or

1 participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender
2 identity, disability, familial status, or national origin.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes various changes to the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act to prohibit housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Present law of the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act generally provides that all persons should be able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a person's sexual orientation and gender identity to the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act as factors not to be considered in the competition for available housing.

Proposed law defines the following terms for the purposes of proposed law: gender identity and sexual orientation.

(Amends R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10)-(12), 2606(A)(1)-(5), 2607(A) and (C), and 2608; Adds R.S. 51:2603(13) and (14))