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DIGEST

Broome (SB 233)

Present law provides relative to the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act.

Present law provides that the legislature finds and declares that persons in this state who seek a place to live should be able to find such housing whenever it is available. Further, in many localities there may be housing shortages. All persons should therefore be able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that all persons should be able to compete for available housing on an open, fair and equitable basis, regardless of whether a victim of domestic abuse.

Proposed law provides that "domestic abuse" includes but is not limited to physical or sexual abuse and any offense against the person as defined by law, except negligent injury and defamation, committed by one family or household member against another. "Domestic abuse" also includes abuse of adults as defined by law when committed by an adult child or adult grandchild.

Present law provides that it is unlawful:

- (1) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.
- (2) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.
- (3) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.
- (4) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact so available.

- (5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful:

- (1) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse.
- (2) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse.
- (3) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.
- (4) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact so available.
- (5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse.

Present law provides that it is unlawful for any person or other entity whose business includes engaging in residential real estate related transactions to discriminate against any person in making available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any person or other entity whose business includes engaging in residential real estate related transactions to discriminate against any person in making available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or whether a victim of domestic abuse.

Present law does not prohibit a person engaged in the business of furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration factors other than race, color, religion, national origin, sex,

handicap, or familial status.

Proposed law provides that nothing in present law prohibits a person engaged in the business of furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration factors other than race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or familial status, or whether a victim of domestic abuse.

Present law provides that it is unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

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Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 51:2602, 2603(6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12), 2606(A)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), 2607(A) and (C), and 2608; adds R.S. 51:2603(13))