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## DIGEST

Morrell (SB 424)

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

Proposed law adds definitions for "gender expression", "gender identity", "marital status", and "sexual orientation".

Present law provides that persons living in La. should be able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless of the following criteria: race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law adds sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and marital status to such criteria.

Present law prohibits discrimination of individuals in the sale or rental of housing, in residential real estate related transactions, and in the utilization of brokerage services based on the following criteria: race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Proposed law adds sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and marital status to such criteria.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 51:2602(A), 2606(A)(1)-(5), 2607(A) and (C), and 2608; adds R.S. 51:2603(13)-(16))