

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 66 by Senator Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "146(A)(1)," delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 4 delete "51:2606(A)(1) through (5)" and insert the following:

"R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and (C) and 2608"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "R.S. 23:322(10)" and before the comma "," insert "and R.S. 51:2603(14)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, line 18, after "Section 4." and before "are hereby" change "R.S. 51:2606(A)(1) through (5)" to the following:

"R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and (C) and 2608"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, line 18, after "reenacted" and before "to read" insert "and R.S. 51:2603(14) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"§2602. Policy

A. 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, disability, familial status, national origin, **military status** or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.

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§2603. Definitions

As used in this Chapter:

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(10) **"Military status" means status as:**

(a) A member of the uniformed forces, as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(A)(5), of the United States or a reserve component thereof named under 10 U.S.C. § 10101.

(b) A dependent as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(4) except that the support provided by the service member to the individual shall have been provided one hundred eighty days immediately preceding an alleged action that if proven true would constitute unlawful

discrimination under this Section instead of one hundred eighty days immediately preceding an application for relief under 50 U.S.C. Chapter 50.

~~(10)~~ **(11)** "Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle" shall include but is not limited to afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

~~(11)~~ **(12)** "Person" includes one or more individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual companies, joint stock companies, trusts, unincorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and fiduciaries.

~~(12)~~ **(13)** "Respondent" means the person or other entity accused in a complaint of a discriminatory housing practice, or, any other person or entity identified in the course of an investigation and notified that they are a respondent who shall be joined in the complaint.

~~(13)~~ **(14)** "To rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let, and otherwise to grant for a consideration the right to occupy premises owned by the occupant.

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, after line 17, insert the following:

"§2607. Discrimination in residential real estate related transactions

A. 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, disability, familial status, national origin, **military status**, or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.

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C. Nothing in this Chapter 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, disability, **military status** or familial status.

§2608. Discrimination in provision of brokerage services

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, disability, familial status, national origin, **military status** or natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle."