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HB No. 804

Abstract: Makes various changes to provisions of the La. Equal Housing Opportunity Act.

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, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

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

Proposed law defines "gender expression" as a person's actual or perceived gender-related appearance or behavior without regard to the person's designated sex at birth.

Proposed law defines "gender identity" as a person's actual or perceived gender-related identity without regard to the person's designated sex at birth.

Proposed law defines a person's "marital status" as being married, divorced, widowed, separated, single, or a cohabitant.

Proposed law defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.

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