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HOUSE BILL NO. 501

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

DISCRIMINATION: Provides relative to discrimination

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:193(B), R.S. 9:3583, R.S. 12:1041, R.S. 14:107.2(A) and
3	326(C), R.S. 15:1204.2(B)(4) and 1402(A), R.S. 17:111, 158(F), 1676(D),
4	2053(D)(3), 3402(A), and 3991(B)(3), R.S. 22:1452(C)(25), 1454(A), and
5	1964(7)(f), R.S. 23:332 and 2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:27.2(B) and 27.4, R.S. 37:1025(B),
6	1107(C), 1360.23(H), 1437(D), 1455(A)(28), 2654(C)(1), 2719, 3425(C), and
7	3447(C), R.S. 38:2315, R.S. 39:1411, R.S. 40:1131.1(C), 2113.4(A), 2113.6(A)(1)
8	and (B), 2120.35(B)(5), 2125(B), 2403(H)(1), and 2504, R.S. 46:437.11(A), 1104,
9	1134, 1154, 1407(B)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and (F), 1995, and 2205, R.S.
10	47:37(C) and 287.755(C), R.S. 48:274.1(C), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), and R.S.
11	51:2231(A), 2232(3), 2235(16)(a), 2236(A), 2237(2), 2247, 2248, 2254(1) and (2),
12	2255(A)(introductory paragraph), 2602(A), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and
13	(C), and 2608 and to enact R.S. 23:302(9) and (10), relative to discrimination; to
14	expand the application of various provisions relative to discrimination by adding
15	additional criteria; to provide for definitions; to remove certain activities from
16	provisions for the attorney general to institute civil proceedings against certain
17	corporations; and to provide for related matters.
18	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
19	Section 1. R.S. 4:193(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
20	§193. Categories of persons subject to exclusion and ejection; civil liberties
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1	B. No person may be excluded or ejected on account of race, color, creed,
2	age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry,
3	disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or gender.
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5	Section 2. R.S. 9:3583 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6	§3583. Discrimination prohibited
7	<u>A.</u> It shall be unlawful for any extender of credit to refuse to extend credit
8	to any major or emancipated minor solely because of that person's race, color,
9	religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
10	disability, or marital status.
11	\underline{B} . It shall also be unlawful for any extender of credit to require any major
12	or emancipated minor to meet credit qualification standards not required of other
13	persons similarly situated.
14	Section 3. R.S. 12:1041 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
15	§1041. Suppression of criminally operated businesses by domestic and foreign
16	corporations; proceedings
17	A. The attorney general is authorized to institute civil proceedings against
18	any domestic corporation to procure a judgment annulling, vacating or forfeiting its
19	articles of incorporation and franchise, and against any foreign corporation to revoke
20	its certificate of authority to transact business in this state when:
21	$\frac{1}{(1)}$ Any of the corporation officers or any other person controlling the
22	management or operation of such corporation, with the knowledge of the president
23	and a majority of the board of directors or under such circumstances that the
24	president and a majority of the directors should have knowledge, is a person or
25	persons engaged in activities such as organized violent revolutionary or unlawful
26	activity aimed at the overthrow of the government of the State of Louisiana or any
27	of its political subdivisions, or any boards, commissions, agency or official of either,
28	or any unlawful activity aimed at organized homosexuality, organized crimes against
29	nature, organized prostitution, organized gambling, organized narcotics, organized

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extortion or organized embezzlement, or who is connected directly or indirectly with organizations, syndicates or criminal societies engaged in any of these; or

3 2.(2) A director, officer, employee, agent or stockholder acting for, through 4 or on behalf of such corporation has, in conducting the corporation's affairs, purposely engaged in a persistent course of violent revolutionary or unlawful activity 5 6 aimed at the overthrow of the government of the State of Louisiana or any of its 7 political subdivisions, or any boards, commissions, agency or official or any 8 unlawful activity aimed at homosexuality, crimes against nature, intimidation and 9 coercion, bribery, prostitution, gambling, extortion, embezzlement, unlawful sale of 10 narcotics or other illegal conduct, with the knowledge of the president and majority 11 of the board of directors or under such circumstances that the president and a 12 majority of the directors should have knowledge, with the intent to compel or induce 13 other persons, firms or corporations to deal with such corporation or engage in any 14 such illegal conduct, and

153.(3)For the prevention of future illegal conduct of the same character, the16public interest requires the charter of the corporation to be annulled, vacated or17forfeited and the corporation to be dissolved or the certificate of authority to transact18business in this state revoked.

19B.(1) The proceedings authorized by this section may be instituted against20a corporation in the district court for the parish of its registered office or for any21parish in which it is doing business. The proceedings shall be conducted in22accordance with the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and the applicable rules of23court.

(2) The proceedings herein authorized shall be in addition to any other
 proceeding authorized by law for the purpose of annulling, vacating or forfeiting the
 articles and franchise of a domestic corporation and/or revoking the certificate of
 authority of a foreign corporation to transact business in this state.

Section 4. R.S. 14:107.2(A) and 326(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
as follows:

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§107.2. Hate crimes

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2 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to select the victim of the following 3 offenses against person and property because of actual or perceived race, age, 4 gender, gender identity or expression, religion, color, creed, disability, sexual 5 orientation, national origin, or ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of 6 that property or because of actual or perceived membership or service in, or 7 employment with, an organization: first or second degree murder; manslaughter; 8 battery; aggravated battery; second degree battery; aggravated assault with a firearm; 9 terrorizing; mingling harmful substances; simple or third degree rape, forcible or 10 second degree rape, or aggravated or first degree rape; sexual battery, second degree 11 sexual battery; oral sexual battery; carnal knowledge of a juvenile; indecent behavior 12 with juveniles; molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental 13 disability; simple, second degree, or aggravated kidnapping; simple or aggravated 14 arson; communicating of false information of planned arson; simple or aggravated 15 criminal damage to property; contamination of water supplies; simple or aggravated 16 burglary; criminal trespass; simple, first degree, or armed robbery; purse snatching; 17 extortion; theft; desecration of graves; institutional vandalism; or assault by drive-by 18 shooting. 19 20 §326. Processions, marches, parades, or demonstrations; permits; liability; bond; 21 exemptions; penalty

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C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all groups, associations, or organizations regardless of race, creed, <u>age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity</u> <u>or expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11)</u>, color, or political beliefs of its members; however, nothing contained herein shall apply to a bona fide legitimate labor organization or professional firefighter or police association or to any lawful activity of a labor union permitted by law, nor shall these provisions apply to any procession or parade directly held or sponsored by the governing

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2 provisions apply to any procession, march, or parade directly held or sponsored by 3 a bona fide organization specifically for the celebration of Mardi Gras and/or directly 4 related prelenten or carrival festivities, school parades or other functions, parish 5 parades or other functions, state, parish, or municipal fairs or other such related 6 activities. However, the provisions of this Section shall apply only to parishes with 7 a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand. 8 * * * * 9 Section 5. R.S. 15:1204.2(B)(4) and 1402(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to 10 read as follows: 11 §1204.2. Creation of system; functions; powers; duties 12 * * * 13 B. The system, by and through the commission, shall have the following 14 functions, powers, and duties: 15 * * * 16 (4) To prepare and distribute, to all such persons and agencies, forms to be 17 used in reporting data to the system. The forms shall provide for information 18 regarding crimes which are directed against individuals or groups, or their property, 19 by reason of their actual or perceived membership or service in, or 20 expre	1	authority of any municipality or the governing authority of any parish, nor shall these
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1	protected from fear, intimidation, and physical harm caused by the activities of
2	violent groups and individuals. It is not the intent of this Chapter to interfere with
3	the constitutional exercise of the protected rights of freedom of expression and
4	association. The legislature hereby recognizes the right of every citizen to harbor
5	and constitutionally express beliefs on any lawful subject whatsoever, to associate
6	lawfully with others who share similar beliefs, to petition lawfully constituted
7	authority for a redress of perceived grievances, and to participate in the electoral
8	process.
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10	Section 6. R.S. 17:111, 158(F), 1676(D), 2053(D)(3), 3402(A), and 3991(B)(3) are
11	hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12	§111. Discrimination in public schools prohibited; pupil assignment; religious
13	educational institutions
14	A. No person shall be refused admission into or be excluded from any public
15	school in the state of Louisiana on account of race, creed, color, sex, sexual
16	orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11),
17	or national origin.
18	B. Except with the express approval of a board of education or school board
19	having jurisdiction, a majority of the members of such board having been elected,
20	no student shall be assigned or compelled to attend any school on account of race,
21	creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or national
22	origin, or for the purpose of achieving equality in attendance or increased attendance
23	or reduced attendance, at any school, of persons of one or more particular races,
24	creeds, colors, sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, disabilities, or
25	national origins, and no school district, school zone or attendance unit, by whatever
26	name known, shall be established, reorganized or maintained for any such purpose,
27	provided that nothing contained in this section Section shall prevent the assignment
28	of a pupil in the manner requested or authorized by his parents or guardian, and
29	provided further that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect, in any way, the

1	right of a religious or denominational educational institution to select its pupils
2	exclusively or primarily from members of such religion or denomination or from
3	giving preference to such selection to such members or to make such selection to its
4	pupils as is calculated to promote the religious principle for which it is established.
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6	§158. School buses for transportation of students; employment of bus operators;
7	alternative means of transportation; improvement of school bus turnarounds;
8	loading and unloading students
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10	F. The provisions of this Section shall apply to eligible public and nonpublic
11	school students. However, these provisions shall not apply to any student or the
12	parent or tutor of any student who attends a school which discriminates on the basis
13	of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or
14	national origin.
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16	§1676. Recipients and awards of scholarships
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18	D. Scholarship awards shall be made without regard to the applicant's race,
19	disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), creed, color, sex, sexual orientation,
20	gender identity or expression, national origin, or ancestry; and in making scholarship
21	awards, the department shall provide a fair and equitable geographical distribution
22	of the awards and shall treat all approved institutions of higher education in a fair
23	and equitable manner.
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25	§2053. Payments to independent institutions of higher learning for educating
26	Louisiana residents
27	* * *
28	D. As used in this Section, the term "eligible institutions" shall mean
29	Centenary College, Dillard University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Louisiana

1	College, Loyola University, Our Lady of the Lake College, St. Joseph Seminary
2	College, Tulane University, and Xavier University, all in Louisiana. In order to
3	qualify for payments made by the Board of Regents under this Section, eligible
4	institutions shall:
5	* * *
6	(3) Admit students without regard to race, religion, color, sex, sexual
7	orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or national origin.
8	* * *
9	§3402. Minimum requirements for school certification; admission policies;
10	environment; program
11	The minimum requirements for certification as a Montessori school shall be
12	as follows:
13	A. Admission policies
14	All admissions in a Montessori school shall be open to all persons of all
15	races, creeds, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or color, and to
16	all persons with disabilities as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11).
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18	§3991. Charter schools; requirements; limitations; renewal; amendment; revocation
19	* * *
20	B. Each proposed charter shall contain or make provision for the following:
21	* * *
22	(3) Admission requirements, if any, that are consistent with the school's role,
23	scope, and mission may be established pursuant to rules promulgated by the state
24	board. Such admission requirements shall be specific and shall include a system for
25	admission decisions which precludes exclusion of pupils based on race, religion,
26	gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin,
27	intelligence level as ascertained by an intelligence quotient examination, or
28	identification as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B).
29	Such admission requirements may include, however, specific requirements related

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1	to a school's mission such as auditions for schools with a performing arts mission or
2	proficiency in a foreign language for schools with a language immersion mission.
3	Any school which was chartered prior to July 1, 2012, and which incorporated
4	achievement of a certain academic record as part of its admission requirements may
5	continue to utilize such admission requirements. No local board shall assign any
6	pupil to attend a charter school.
7	* * *
8	Section 7. R.S. 22:1452(C)(25), 1454(A), and 1964(7)(f) are hereby amended and
9	reenacted to read as follows:
10	§1452. Purpose of rate regulation; construction; definitions
11	* * *
12	C. As used in this Subpart, the following definitions shall be applicable:
13	* * *
14	(25) "Unfairly discriminatory" means not capable of being actuarially
15	justified or based on race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity
16	or expression, disability, or national origin. It does not refer to rates that produce
17	differences in premiums for policyholders with different loss exposures, so long as
18	the rate is actuarially justified and reflects such differences with reasonable accuracy.
19	* * *
20	§1454. Rating standards and methods
21	A. Rates shall not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive
22	market. Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a
23	noncompetitive market. Risks may be classified using any criteria except that no
24	risk shall be classified on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation,
25	gender identity or expression, disability, or national origin.
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1	§1964. Methods, acts, and practices which are defined as unfair or deceptive
2	The following are declared to be unfair methods of competition and unfair
3	or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance:
4	* * *
5	(7) Unfair discrimination.
6	* * *
7	(f) Refusing to insure, refusing to continue to insure, or limiting the amount
8	of coverage available to an individual solely because of the sex, marital status, race,
9	religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or national
10	origin of the individual. However, nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit an
11	insurer from taking marital status into account for the purpose of defining persons
12	eligible for dependent benefits. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the
13	operation of fraternal benefit societies.
14	* * *
15	Section 8. R.S. 23:332 and 2043(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
16	23:302(9) and (10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
17	§302. Definitions
18	For purposes of this Chapter and unless the context clearly indicates
19	otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:
20	* * *
21	(9) "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived
22	heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.
23	(10) "Gender identity or expression" means a gender-related identity,
24	appearance, expression, or behavior of a person, regardless of the person's assigned
25	sex at birth.
26	* * *
27	§332. Intentional discrimination in employment
28	A. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for an employer to
29	engage in any of the following practices:

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(1) Intentionally fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to intentionally discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, or terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of the individual's race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual orientation, gender identity or</u> expression, or national origin.

6 (2) Intentionally limit, segregate, or classify employees or applicants for 7 employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of 8 employment opportunities, or otherwise adversely affect the individual's status as an 9 employee, because of the individual's race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual</u> 10 orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.

(3) Intentionally pay wages to an employee at a rate less than that of another
employee of the opposite sex for equal work on jobs in which their performance
requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility and which are performed under similar
working conditions. An employer paying wages in violation of this Section may not
reduce the wages of any other employee in order to comply with this Section.

16B. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for an employment17agency to intentionally fail or refuse to refer for employment, or otherwise to18intentionally discriminate against, any individual because of his race, color, religion,19sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin, or to20intentionally classify or refer for employment any individual on the basis of his race,21color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national22origin.

C. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for a labor organization
to engage in any of the following practices:

(1) Intentionally exclude or intentionally expel from its membership, or
 otherwise intentionally discriminate against, any individual because of his race,
 color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,</u> or national
 origin.

1 (2) Intentionally limit, segregate, or classify its membership or applicants for 2 membership, or intentionally classify or fail or refuse to refer for employment any 3 individual in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of 4 employment opportunities, or would limit such employment opportunities, or 5 otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee or as an applicant for 6 employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual</u> 7 <u>orientation, gender identity or expression,</u> or national origin.

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(3) Intentionally cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against an individual in violation of this Section.

D. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for any employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining, including on-the-job training programs, to discriminate against any individual because of his race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual</u> <u>orientation, gender identity or expression,</u> or national origin in admission to, or employment in, any program established to provide apprenticeship or other training.

16 E. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for an employer, 17 employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee 18 controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining, including on-the-job 19 training programs, to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any notice 20 or advertisement relating to employment by an employer or membership in or any 21 classification or referral for employment by a labor organization, or relating to any 22 classification or referral for employment by an employment agency, or relating to 23 admission to, or employment in, any program established to provide apprenticeship 24 or other training by a joint labor-management committee, indicating any preference, 25 limitation, specification, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, 26 sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. However, a 27 notice or advertisement may indicate a preference, limitation, specification, or 28 discrimination based on religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or

- expression, or national origin when religion, sex, or national origin is a bona fide
 occupational qualification for employment.
- F. It shall be unlawful discrimination in employment for an insurer to engage
 in any of the following practices:

(1) Intentionally fail or refuse to appoint or to discharge any insurance agent,
or otherwise to intentionally discriminate against any insurance agent with respect
to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of the
insurance agent's race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual orientation, gender identity</u>
<u>or expression, or national origin.</u>

10 (2) Intentionally limit, segregate, or classify his insurance agents or 11 applicants for an insurance agent in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive 12 any insurance agent or applicant of employment opportunities, or otherwise 13 adversely affect his status as an insurance agent or applicant because of the insurance 14 agent's or applicant's race, color, religion, sex, <u>age, sexual orientation, gender</u> 15 identity or expression, or national origin.

G. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed so as to create a
cause of action against an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or
insurer for employment practices pursuant to any affirmative action plan.

H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, it shall not beunlawful discrimination in employment for:

21 (1) An employer to hire and employ employees, for an employment agency 22 to classify or refer for employment any individual, for a labor organization to 23 classify its membership or to classify or refer for employment any individual, or for 24 an employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling 25 apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to admit or employ any 26 individual in any such program on the basis of his religion, sex, age, sexual 27 orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin in those certain instances 28 where religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national

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origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the normal operation of that particular business or enterprise.

(2) A school, college, university, or other educational institution or
institution of learning to hire and employ employees of a particular religion if such
school, college, university, or other educational institution or institution of learning
is, in whole or in substantial part, owned, supported, controlled, or managed by a
particular religion or by a particular religious corporation, association, or society, or
if the curriculum of the school, college, university, or other educational institution
or institution of learning is directed toward the propagation of a particular religion.

(3) An employer to apply different standards of compensation or different
terms, conditions, or privileges of employment pursuant to a bona fide seniority or
merit system, or a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of
production, or any other differential based on any factor other than sex, or to
employees who work in different locations, provided that such differences are not
the result of an intention to discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, <u>age</u>,
sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.

(4) An employer to give and to act upon the results of any professionally
developed ability test, provided that such test, its administration, or action upon the
results is not designed, intended, or used to discriminate because of race, color,
religion, sex, <u>age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,</u> or national
origin.

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23 §2043. Members

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B.(1) In making the appointments, the governor shall, as nearly as
practicable, appoint members in a manner that is representative of the population of
the regions of the state and shall consider factors including but not limited to race,

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1	color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
2	disability, and national origin.
3	* * *
4	Section 9. R.S. 27:27.2(B) and 27.4 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
5	follows:
6	§27.2. Board designated excluded persons
7	* * *
8	B. The board and the division shall have the authority to place persons on the
9	excluded list. The board or division may not place a person on the list required by
10	this Section due to the person's race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual
11	orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability, as defined in R.S.
12	51:2232 (11) .
13	* * *
14	§27.4. Exclusion or ejection of persons
15	A. Any licensee, permittee, or the casino gaming operator may exclude or
16	eject any person for any reason, except race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual
17	orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability as defined in R.S.
18	51:2232 (11) .
19	B. Any licensee or casino gaming operator licensed pursuant to the
20	provisions of this Title, and any employee of a licensee or casino gaming operator
21	shall not be liable for any monetary damages or any other remedy in any judicial
22	proceeding as a result of the exclusion or removal of any person for any reason,
23	except race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
24	expression, or disability as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11).
25	Section 10. R.S. 37:1025(B), 1107(C), 1360.23(H), 1437(D), 1455(A)(28),
26	2654(C)(1), 2719, 3425(C), and 3447(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
27	follows:
28	§1025. Qualifications of applicants to the drug administration course
29	* * *

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1	B. There will be no discrimination in selection of medication attendants for
2	reason of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
3	expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin.
4	* * *
5	§1107. Requirements for licensed professional counselor; provisional license;
6	temporary license or temporary provisional license; renewal of license or
7	temporary provisional license
8	* * *
9	C. No license shall be denied any applicant based upon the applicant's race,
10	religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
11	expression, or disability or physical impairment.
12	* * *
13	§1360.23. Powers and duties of the board
14	* * *
15	H. The board shall ensure that applicants for the program shall not be
16	discriminated against due to race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender
17	identity or expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(3), or national origin.
18	* * *
19	§1437. Application for license
20	* * *
21	D. Every applicant for a license shall submit a sworn statement attesting that
22	he has knowledge of and understands the provisions of the Fair Housing Act of 1968
23	and the Louisiana Equal Housing Opportunity Act, and any amendments thereto or
24	any successor legislation subsequently following, and that he shall not induce or
25	attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding
26	the entry or prospective entry into an area, subdivision, or neighborhood of a person
27	or persons of a particular race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender
28	identity or expression, disability, or national origin.
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1	§1455. Causes for censure, suspension, or revocation of license, registration, or
2	certification
3	A. The commission may censure a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder
4	or conditionally or unconditionally suspend or revoke any license, registration, or
5	certificate issued under this Chapter, levy fines or impose civil penalties not to
6	exceed five thousand dollars, or impose continuing education requirements on
7	licensees, registrants, or certificate holders if, in the opinion of the commission, a
8	licensee, registrant, or certificate holder is performing or attempting to perform or
9	has performed or has attempted to perform any of the following acts:
10	* * *
11	(28) Having been finally adjudicated and found guilty for refusing, because
12	of race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
13	expression, disability, or ethnic group, to show, sell, or rent any real estate for sale
14	or rent to qualified purchasers or renters or for any violation of the Fair Housing Act
15	of 1968 or the Louisiana Equal Housing Opportunity Act and/or including any
16	amendments thereto or any successor legislation subsequently following.
17	* * *
18	§2654. Board of examiners; creation; membership; appointment; terms; chair;
19	quorum
20	* * *
21	C.(1) Appointment to the board shall be made without regard to race, creed,
22	sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or national
23	origin of the appointee. The Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association, shall
24	within not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of each term of office, submit
25	to the governor a list of at least three names for each respective professional service
26	category of board member, except the physician member and the public member,
27	selected by all licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state,

1	from which the governor shall make his appointment to fill the office for the next
2	succeeding term.
3	* * *
4	§2719. Discrimination
5	No license, certificate, or registration shall be denied any applicant based
6	upon the applicant's race, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation,
7	gender identity or expression, or physical impairment so long as the physical
8	impairment does not interfere with the performance of professional duties or
9	disability.
10	* * *
11	§3425. Qualifications for licensure; renewal
12	* * *
13	C. No license shall be denied any applicant based upon the applicant's race,
14	religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
15	expression, or physical impairment or disability.
16	* * *
17	§3447. Requirements for licensed professional vocational counselor; renewal of
18	license
19	* * *
20	C. No license shall be denied any applicant based upon the applicant's race,
21	religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
22	expression, or or physical impairment disability.
23	Section 11. R.S. 38:2315 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
24	§2315. Equal opportunity
25	Every person shall be guaranteed equal employment opportunities in the
26	selection of persons for professional services and such selection of persons for
27	professional services and such selection shall not discriminate against any person
28	because of race, religion, national ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender
29	identity or expression, or physical condition disability. If any person or persons

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1	violates the provisions of this section Section, they shall be subject to the same
2	penalties as provided in R.S. 38:2314(A).
3	Section 12. R.S. 39:1411 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
4	§1411. No state assistance for discriminatory programs
5	No person in the State of Louisiana shall, on the ground of race, color,
6	religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or
7	national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be
8	subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving state financial
9	assistance.
10	Section 13. R.S. 40:1133.1(C), 2113.4(A), 2113.6(A)(1) and (B), 2120.35(B)(5),
11	2125(B), 2403(H)(1), and 2504 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12	§1232. Emergency medical personnel training; licensure
13	* * *
14	C. The bureau shall affirmatively provide that there is no discrimination
15	toward any individual in the licensure process on the basis of race, religion, creed,
16	national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or
17	age.
18	* * *
19	§2113.4. Duty to provide services; penalty
20	A. Any general hospital licensed under this Part, which is owned or operated,
21	or both, by a hospital service district, which benefits from being financed by the sale
22	of bonds that are exempt from taxation as provided by Louisiana law, or which
23	receives any other type of financial assistance from the state of Louisiana and which
24	offers emergency room services to the public and is actually offering such services
25	at the time, shall make its emergency services available to all persons residing in the
26	territorial area of the hospital regardless of whether the person is covered by private,
27	federal Medicare or Medicaid, or other insurance. Each person shall receive these
28	services free from discrimination based on race, religion, or national ancestry and
29	from arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age, sex, sexual

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1	orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical condition and disability, or
2	economic status. However, in no event shall emergency treatment be denied to
3	anyone on account of inability to pay. Any such hospital found to be in violation of
4	this Section shall not receive any client referrals from the Department of Health and
5	Hospitals.
6	* * *
7	§2113.6. Emergency diagnoses and services; denial for inability to pay;
8	discriminatory practices
9	A.(1) No officer, employee, or member of the medical staff of a hospital
10	licensed by the Department of Health and Hospitals shall deny emergency services
11	available at the hospital to a person diagnosed by a licensed physician as requiring
12	emergency services because the person is unable to establish his ability to pay for the
13	services or because of race, religion, or national ancestry. In addition, the person
14	needing the services shall not be subjected by any such person to arbitrary,
15	capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age, sex, sexual orientation,
16	gender identity or expression, physical condition, disability, or economic status.
17	* * *
18	B. No officer, employee, or member of the medical staff of a hospital
19	licensed by the Department of Health and Hospitals shall deny a person in need of
20	emergency services access to diagnosis by a licensed physician on the staff of the
21	hospital because the person is unable to establish his ability to pay for the services
22	or because of race, religion, or national ancestry. In addition, the person needing the
23	services shall not be subjected by any such person to arbitrary, capricious, or
24	unreasonable discrimination based on age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity
25	or expression, physical condition, disability, or economic status.
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27	§2120.35. Rules, regulations, and standards for licenses
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1	B. The department shall promulgate minimum standards for adult brain
2	injury facilities as defined in this Part which, at a minimum, shall:
3	* * *
4	(5) Prohibit discrimination by brain injury facilities on the basis of race,
5	color, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability,
6	as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), national origin, or ancestry.
7	* * *
8	§2125. Age; continuation of assistance; discrimination
9	* * *
10	B. Such assistance shall not be provided where an institution or provider
11	discriminates against those seeking services provided herein on the basis of race,
12	color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, as
13	defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin.
14	* * *
15	§2403. Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training
16	* * *
17	H.(1) The council may establish and implement curricula and publish
18	training materials to train peace officers to identify, respond to, and report all crimes
19	which are directed against individuals or groups, or their property, by reason of their
20	actual or perceived race, age, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, color,
21	creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry.
22	* * *
23	§2504. Authority to contract
24	The Interagency Recreation Board may enter into contracts with the private
25	sector for the maintenance, upkeep, and management of golf courses, tennis courts,
26	ball parks, and recreation facilities constructed under the provisions of this Chapter
27	and may enter into other such contracts as may be necessary or appropriate to
28	implement the provisions of this Chapter or any other functions of the board as
29	provided by law, all in accordance with applicable laws. However, any such private

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1	contractor shall not in any way prohibit or restrict public access to any recreation
2	facilities constructed under the provisions of this Chapter on the basis of race, sex,
3	creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or color.
4	Section 14. R.S. 46:437.11(A), 1104, 1134, 1154, 1407(B)(1)(e)(introductory
5	paragraph) and (F), 1995, and 2205 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6	§437.11. Provider agreements
7	A. The department shall make payments from medical assistance programs
8	funds for goods, services, or supplies rendered to recipients to any person who has
9	a provider agreement in effect with the department, who is complying with all
10	federal and state laws and rules pertaining to the medical assistance programs, and
11	who agrees that no person shall be subjected to discrimination under the medical
12	assistance programs because of race, creed, ethnic origin, sex, age, sexual
13	orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical condition disability.
14	* * *
15	§1104. Application consideration; evaluation
16	It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners to receive, consider,
17	evaluate, and allow or disallow all applications for scholarships made by eligible
18	applicants. The board of commissioners shall make careful and full investigation of
19	the ability and qualifications of each applicant. The board of commissioners shall
20	provide that an affirmative action program for the selection of recipients be
21	established which shall include that no discrimination occur on the basis of race,
22	creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or ethnic
23	origin. The board of commissioners shall establish and publish rules on the selection
24	process of the recipient which shall preclude the appearance of and the possibility
25	of nepotism. The board of commissioners shall notify each applicant selected to
26	receive a scholarship of his selection and shall also notify the dean of the medical
27	school to which the recipient has been admitted or in which he is engaged in study,

1 2 or the chief administrator of any internship or residency program in which the applicant is engaged.

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It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners to receive, consider, 5 6 evaluate, and allow or disallow all applications for scholarships made by eligible 7 applicants. The board of commissioners shall make careful and full investigation of the ability and qualifications of each applicant. The board of commissioners shall 8 9 provide that an affirmative action program for the selection of recipients be 10 established which shall include that no discrimination occur on the basis of race, 11 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or ethnic 12 origin. The board of commissioners shall establish and publish rules on the selection process of the recipient which shall preclude the appearance of and the possibility 13 14 of nepotism. The board of commissioners shall notify each applicant selected to 15 receive a scholarship of his selection and shall also notify the dean of the nursing 16 school or office of financial assistance at the school where the student is registered.

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- 18 §1154. Application consideration; evaluation

19 The board shall receive, consider, evaluate, and allow or disallow all applications for scholarships made by eligible applicants. The board shall make 20 21 careful and full investigation of the ability and qualifications of each applicant. The 22 board shall ensure that no discrimination occurs on the basis of race, creed, sex, age, 23 sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or ethnic origin. The 24 board shall establish and publish rules on the selection process of the recipient which 25 shall preclude the appearance of and the possibility of nepotism. The board shall 26 notify each applicant selected to receive a scholarship of his selection and shall also 27 notify the dean of the school or office of financial assistance at the school where the 28 student is registered.

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1	§1407. Rules, regulations, and standards for licenses
2	* * *
3	B.(1) The regulations developed by the department, at a minimum, shall
4	accomplish all of the following:
5	* * *
6	(e) Prohibit discrimination by specialized providers on the basis of race,
7	color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin,
8	disability, ancestry, or whether the child is being breastfed. However, nothing in this
9	Subparagraph shall be construed to affect, limit, or otherwise restrict any of the
10	following:
11	* * *
12	F. Discrimination by specialized providers and child-placing agencies on the
13	basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
14	national origin, disability as defined by R.S. 51:2232(11), ancestry, or whether the
15	child is being breastfed is prohibited. However, this shall not restrict the hiring or
16	admission policies of a church or religious organization, which may give preference
17	in hiring or admission to members of the church or denomination.
18	* * *
19	§1995. Nondiscrimination
20	No citizen of this state shall on the ground of sex, sexual orientation, gender
21	identity or expression, disability, age, race, color, religion, or national origin be
22	excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to
23	discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds
24	made available under this Chapter.
25	* * *
26	§2205. Nondiscrimination of policy
27	All organizations receiving grants under this Chapter shall provide the
28	required transportation services without regard to the race, religion, sex, sexual

1	orientation, gender identity or expression, national ancestry, place of residence or
2	income level of the persons needing the assistance.
3	Section 15. R.S. 47:37(C) and 287.755(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
4	as follows:
5	§37. Tax credit for contributions to educational institutions
6	* * *
7	C. There shall be allowed a credit against the tax liability due under the
8	income tax for donations, contributions, or sales below cost of tangible movable
9	property made to educational institutions in the state of Louisiana. The credit
10	allowed by this Section shall be computed at the rate of twenty-nine percent of such
11	property's value, as defined herein, or, in the case of a sale below cost, twenty-nine
12	percent of the difference between the price received for the tangible movable
13	property by the taxpayer and the value of the property as defined herein. The credit
14	shall be limited to the total of the tax liability for the taxable year for which it is
15	being claimed and shall be in lieu of the deductions from gross income provided for
16	in R.S. 47:57. The credit shall not be allowed if the taxpayer arbitrarily,
17	capriciously, or unreasonably discriminates against any person because of race,
18	religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, ideas,
19	beliefs, or affiliations.
20	* * *
21	§287.755. Tax credit for contributions to educational institutions
22	* * *
23	C. There shall be allowed a credit against the tax liability due under the
24	income tax for donations, contributions, or sales below cost of tangible movable
25	property made to educational institutions in the state of Louisiana. The credit
26	allowed by this Section shall be computed at the rate of twenty-nine percent of such
27	property's value, as defined herein, or, in the case of a sale below cost, twenty-nine
28	percent of the difference between the price received for the tangible movable
29	property by the taxpayer and the value of the property as defined herein. The credit

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2	being claimed and shall be in lieu of the deductions from gross income provided for
3	in R.S. 47:57. The credit shall not be allowed if the taxpayer arbitrarily,
4	capriciously, or unreasonably discriminates against any person because of race,
5	religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, ideas,
6	beliefs, or affiliations.
7	* * *
8	Section 16. R.S. 48:274.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§274.1. Placing of specific information logo signs on interstate highways; contracts
10	with third parties
11	* * *
12	C. Each business indentified identified on a specific information logo sign
13	shall give written assurance to the department of its conformity with all applicable
14	laws concerning the provision of public accommodations without regard to
15	discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender
16	identity or expression, disability, or national origin, and shall not be in breach of that
17	assurance.
18	* * *
19	Section 17. R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
20	as follows:
21	§145. Use of public buildings; discrimination
22	No person shall be denied access to any public meeting in any public building
23	or facility used or owned by the state or any political subdivision of the state because
24	of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or
25	physical or mental disability. For purposes of this Section, a public meeting is a
26	meeting which is advertised as being open to the general public.
27	§146. Facilities to which public invited; discrimination
28	A.(1) In access to public areas, public accommodations, and public facilities,
29	every person shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, or national

1	ancestry and from arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age,
2	sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical or mental
3	disability.
4	* * *
5	Section 18. R.S. 51:2231(A), 2232(5), 2235(16)(a), 2236(A), 2237(2), 2247, 2248,
6	2254(1) and (2), 2255(A)(introductory paragraph), 2602(A), 2606(A)(1) through (5),
7	2607(A) and (C), and 2608 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§2231. Statement of purpose; limitation on prohibitions against discrimination
9	because of age
10	A. It is the purpose and intent of the legislature by this enactment to provide
11	for execution within Louisiana of the policies embodied in the Federal Civil Rights
12	Act of 1964, 1968, and 1972 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of
13	1967, as amended; and to assure that Louisiana has appropriate legislation
14	prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations sufficient to justify the deferral
15	of cases by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the executive
16	director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Department of Justice
17	under those statutes; to safeguard all individuals within the state from discrimination
18	because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
19	expression, age, disability, or national origin in connection with employment and in
20	connection with public accommodations; to protect their interest in personal dignity
21	and freedom from humiliation; to make available to the state their full productive
22	capacities in employment; to secure the state against domestic strife and unrest
23	which would menace its democratic institutions; to preserve the public safety, health,
24	and general welfare; and to further the interest, rights, and privileges within the state.
25	* * *
26	§2232. Definitions
27	As used in this Chapter:
28	* * *

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1	(5) "Discriminatory practice in connection with public accommodations"
2	means any direct or indirect act or practice of exclusion, distinction, restriction,
3	segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, or any other act or practice of differentiation
4	or preference in the treatment of a person or persons because of race, creed, color,
5	religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, or
6	national origin.
7	* * *
8	§2235. Powers and duties of commission
9	In the enforcement of this Chapter or of Chapter 3-A of Title 23 of the
10	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or R.S. 23:664, the commission shall have the
11	following powers and duties:
12	* * *
13	(16) To create local or statewide advisory committees that in its judgment
14	will aid in effectuating the purposes of this Chapter. Members of such committees
15	shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in such service.
16	The commission may make provision for technical and clerical assistance to the
17	committees. The commission may empower these committees:
18	(a) To study and report on problems of discrimination because of race, creed,
19	color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability,
20	or national origin.
21	* * *
22	§2236. Parishes and municipalities may prohibit discrimination
23	A. Parishes and municipalities may adopt and enforce ordinances, orders,
24	and resolutions prohibiting all forms of discrimination, including discrimination on
25	the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation,
26	gender identity or expression, disability, or age, and to prescribe penalties for
27	violations thereof, such penalties being in addition to the remedial orders and
28	enforcement herein authorized.
29	* * *

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1	§2237. Local human rights commissions
2	Any parish or municipality, or one or more parishes and municipalities acting
3	jointly, may create a human rights commission, hereinafter referred to as a "local
4	commission":
5	* * *
6	(2) To safeguard all individuals within its jurisdiction from discrimination
7	because of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender
8	identity or expression, disability, or age.
9	* * *
10	§2247. Public accommodations, resorts, amusements; discriminatory practices
11	prohibited
12	Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, it is a discriminatory practice
13	for a person to deny an individual the full and equal enjoyment of the goods,
14	services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public
15	accommodation, resort, or amusement, as defined in this Chapter, on the grounds of
16	race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
17	age, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin.
18	* * *
19	§2248. Advertisement of accommodations, goods, services
20	It shall be an unlawful practice for a person, directly or indirectly, to publish,
21	circulate, issue, display, mail, or cause to be published, circulated, issued, displayed,
22	or mailed, a written, printed, oral, or visual communication, notice, or advertisement
23	which indicates that the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and
24	accommodations of a place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement shall be
25	refused, withheld from, or denied an individual on account of his race, color,
26	religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, as
27	defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin, or that the patronage of or presence
28	at a place of public accommodations, resort, or amusement of an individual on
29	account of his race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or

1	expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin is
2	objectionable, unwelcome, unacceptable, or undesirable.
3	§2254. Unlawful financial practices
4	It shall be an unlawful practice for a financial institution or an individual
5	employed by or acting on behalf of a financial institution:
6	(1) To discriminate against an individual because of the race, creed, color,
7	religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
8	disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or age of the individual or the present or
9	prospective owner, tenant, or occupant of the immovable property or of a member,
10	stockholder, director, officer, employee, or representative of any of these, in the
11	granting, withholding, extending, modifying, or renewing of rates, terms, conditions,
12	privileges, or other provisions of financial assistance or in the extension of services
13	in connection therewith.
14	(2) To use a form of application for financial assistance or to make or keep
15	a record or inquiry in connection with applications for financial assistance which
16	indicates directly or indirectly a limitation, specification, or discrimination, as to
17	race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
18	expression, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or national origin, or an intent
19	to make such a limitation, specification, or discrimination.
20	* * *
21	§2255. Unlawful practices in connection with credit transactions; exceptions
22	A. It shall be an unlawful practice for any person, whether acting for himself
23	or another, in connection with any credit transaction because of race, creed, color,
24	religion, national origin, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), or sex, age,
25	sexual orientation, gender identity or expression:
26	* * *
27	§2602. Policy
28	A. The legislature finds and declares that persons in this state who seek a
29	place to live should be able to find such housing whenever it is available. Further,

1	in many localities there may be housing shortages. All persons should therefore be
2	able to compete for available housing on an open, fair, and equitable basis, regardless
3	of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
4	disability, familial status, or national origin.
5	* * *
6	§2606. Discrimination in sale or rental of housing and other prohibited practices
7	A. As made applicable by R.S. 51:2604, and except as exempted by
8	Subsection B thereof and R.S. 51:2605, it is unlawful:
9	(1) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse
10	to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a
11	dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation,
12	gender identity or expression, familial status, or national origin.
13	(2) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges
14	of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in
15	connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation,
16	gender identity or expression, familial status, or national origin.
17	(3) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any
18	notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling
19	that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color,
20	religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability,
21	familial status, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference,
22	limitation, or discrimination.
23	(4) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, age,
24	sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, familial status, or
25	national origin that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when
26	such dwelling is in fact so available.
27	(5) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any
28	dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the
29	neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, age,

1	sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, familial status, or
2	national origin.
3	* * *
4	§2607. Discrimination in residential real estate related transactions
5	A. It is unlawful for any person or other entity whose business includes
6	engaging in residential real estate related transactions to discriminate against any
7	person in making available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such
8	a transaction, because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender
9	identity or expression, disability, familial status, or national origin.
10	* * *
11	C. Nothing in this Chapter prohibits a person engaged in the business of
12	furnishing appraisals of real property to take into consideration factors other than
13	race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
14	expression, disability, or familial status.
15	§2608. Discrimination in provision of brokerage services
16	It is unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in
17	any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service,
18	organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to
19	discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or
20	participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender
21	identity or expression, disability, familial status, or national origin.
22	Section 19. This Act shall become effective on August 15, 2016; if vetoed by the
23	governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
24	June 30, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to discrimination by including sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in various provisions prohibiting or describing discrimination. Also adds age, sex, or disability as prohibited discrimination criteria in a number of such provisions.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides with respect to discrimination in various provisions of law. In general, adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in provisions prohibiting or describing discrimination. Also adds age, sex, or disability in a number of such provisions. The following table summarizes these changes:

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
4:193(B)	Exclusion or ejection from a track, race meeting, race, or licensed establishment	Yes	
9:3583	Extending credit	Yes	age, disability
14:107.2(A)	Definition of hate crimes. Prohibited bases for selection of victims of specified crimes	gender identity or expression (sexual orientation already in law)	
14:326(C)	Applications of requirements for permits for parades, or demonstrations	Yes	age
15:1204.2(B)(4)	Requires La. Uniform Crime Reporting System include crimes directed at persons or groups based on certain actual or perceived characteristics	gender identity or expression (sexual orientation already in law)	
15:1402(A)	Rights to be secure from fear, intimidation, and physical harm caused by violent groups and individuals.	Yes	
17:111	School admission and school assignment	Yes	sex (in A) disability (in B)
17:158(F)	Free school transportation for public and nonpublic schools – Not applicable to students who attend a school that discriminates	Yes	sex

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
17:1676(D)	Eligibility for a particular scholarship program for approved institutions of higher education in the state	Yes	
17:2053(D)(3)	Payments to independent institutions of higher learning for educating Louisiana residents	Yes	sex, disability
17:3402(A)	Open admission requirements for certification of a Montessori school	Yes	sex
17:3991(B)(3)	Admission requirements of charter schools	Yes	
22:1452(C)(25)	Unfair discrimination relative to insurance rates	Yes	age, sex, disability
22:1454(A)	Prohibited criteria for establishing risk classifications for insurance rates	Yes	sex, disability
22:1964(7)(f)	Unfair or deceptive trade practices in the insurance business, discrimination in refusing to insure, refusing to continue to insure, or limiting the amount of coverage available	Yes	age, disability
23:332	Louisiana Employment Discrimination Law – Provides for unlawful discrimination in employment	Yes	age
23:2043(B)(1)	Factors for governor to consider in appointments to La. Workforce Investment Council	Yes	age, disability
27:27.2(B)	Persons excluded from gaming premises	Yes	
27:27.4	Exclusion or ejection of persons from gaming premises	Yes	
37:1025(B)	Selection of medication attendants	Yes	age, sex
37:1107(C)	Licensing of licensed professional counselors	Yes	age, disability

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
37:1360.23(H)	Licensing of physicians assistants and admission to training, employment, and utilization programs	Yes	
37:1437(D)	Requirement for applicants for a real estate license to sign a statement that he will not try to induce sale or rental of any dwelling by representations about entry into an area of persons of a particular race, color, religion, or national origin.	Yes	age, sex, disability
37:1455(A)(28)	Penalties for real estate license or certificate holders do not show, sell, or rent real estate by reason of discrimination	Yes	age, disability
37:2654(C)(1)	Appointment of members of the board of the La. Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Yes	disability
37:2719	Granting a social worker's license, certificate, or registration	Yes	age, disability
37:3425(C)	Granting a clinical exercise physiologist's license	Yes	age, disability
37:3447(C)	Granting a rehabilitation counselor's license	Yes	age, disability
38:2315	Selection of architects, engineers, and landscape architects for public contracts	Yes	disability
39:1411	Program or activity receiving state financial assistance	Yes	age, sex, disability
40:1133.1(C)	Licensure of EMS practitioners	Yes	disability
40:2113.4(A)	Hospital service district hospitals providing emergency services	Yes	disability
40:2113.6(A)(1) and (B)	Licensed hospitals providing emergency services	Yes	disability
40:2120.35(B)(5)	Brain injury facilities	Yes	age

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
40:2125(B)	Financial assistance for exceptional children will not be provided for facilities that discriminate	Yes	sex
40:2403(H)(1)	Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to provide for curricula and training materials to train peace officers to identify, respond to, and report crimes directed against individuals or groups by reason of actual or perceived characteristics	gender identity or expression (sexual orientation already in the law)	
40:2504	Access to facilities of the Interagency Recreation Board	Yes	age, disability
46:437.11(A)	Payments from medical assistance programs funds for goods, services, or supplies from providers who do not discriminate	Yes	disability
46:1104	Medical scholarship programs of hospital service districts or parish governing authorities, prohibits discrimination in selection of recipients	Yes	disability
46:1134	Nursing scholarship programs of hospital service districts or parish governing authorities, prohibits discrimination in selection of recipients	Yes	disability
46:1154	Allied health professions scholarship programs of hospital service districts or parish governing authorities, prohibits discrimination in selection of recipients	Yes	disability
46:1407(B)(1)(e) & (F)	Licensure of early childhood learning centers and specialized providers and licensure regulations	Yes	
46:1995	Displaced homemaker programs	Yes	disability
46:2205	Transportation assistance for the elderly and handicapped	Yes	

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
47:37(C)	Income tax credit for donations, contributions, or sales below cost of tangible movable property for educational institutions, excludes donors who discriminate	Yes	age, sex, disability
47:287.755(C)	Same as above but applicable to corporation, person, estate, or trust contributing, donating, or selling below cost tangible movable property to educational institutions. Applies to corporate tax	Yes	age, sex, disability
48:274.1(C)	Requires that businesses that have their logo on Interstate highway signs comply with laws relative to discrimination in public accommodations	Yes	age, disability
49:145	Access to public meetings in facilities owned or used by the state or political subdivisions	Yes	age, sex
49:146(A)(1)	Access to public areas, public accommodations, and public facilities	Yes	
51:2231(A)	Legislative intent that creation of the La. Commission on Human Rights is to safeguard from discrimination	Yes	
51:2232(5)	Defines "Discriminatory practice in connection with public accommodations"	Yes	
51:2235(16)(a)	La. Commission on Human Rights authority to create advisory committees on discrimination	Yes	
51:2236(A)	Authorizes parishes and municipalities to adopt and enforce discrimination prohibitions	Yes	
51:2237(2)	Authorizes parishes and municipalities to create a human rights commission to safeguard from discrimination	Yes	

Citation R.S.	Provisions about discrimination related to	Adds sexual orientation & gender identity or expression as discrimination criteria	Other criteria added
51:2247	Denial of full and equal enjoyment of a place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement	Yes	
51:2248	Certain advertising about discrimination by a public accommodation	Yes	age, sex
51:2254(1) and (2)	Granting, withholding, extending, modifying, or renewing of rates, terms, conditions, privileges, or other provisions of financial assistance or in the extension of services in connection therewith	Yes	(1) age (2) age, sex
51:2255(A) (introductory paragraph)	Practices in credit transactions	Yes	age
51:2602(A)	Legislative finding about competing for available housing without discrimination	Yes	age
51:2606(A)(1) through (5)	Sale or rental of housing	Yes	age
51:2607(A) and (C)	Residential real estate related transactions	Yes	age
51:2608	Access or terms of 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	Yes	age

<u>Proposed law</u> (R.S. 23:302(9) & (10)) add definitions of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" for purposes of the Louisiana Employment Discrimination Law and provisions for unlawful discrimination in employment. Defines "sexual orientation" as an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality. Defines "gender identity or expression" as a gender-related identity, appearance, expression, or behavior of a person, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 12:1041(A)) authorizes the attorney general to institute civil proceedings to annul, vacate, or forfeit the articles of incorporation and franchise of a domestic corporation, or to revoke the certificate of authority to transact business in this state of a foreign corporation when:

(1) A corporation officer or person controlling corporate management or operation, with the knowledge of the president and a majority of the board of directors or under

circumstances such that they should have knowledge, is engaged in any unlawful activity aimed at organized homosexuality, organized crimes against nature, organized prostitution, organized gambling, organized narcotics, organized extortion or organized embezzlement; or

- (2) A director, officer, employee, agent, or stockholder acting for such corporation has, in conducting the corporation's affairs, purposely engaged in any unlawful activity aimed at homosexuality, crimes against nature, intimidation and coercion, bribery, prostitution, gambling, extortion, embezzlement, unlawful sale of narcotics or other illegal conduct, with the knowledge of the president and majority of the board of directors or under such circumstances that they should have knowledge, with the intent to compel or induce other persons, firms, or corporations to deal with such corporation or engage in such illegal conduct; and
- (3) For the prevention of future illegal conduct of the same character, the public interest requires the corporation charter to be annulled, vacated, or forfeited and the corporation to be dissolved or the certificate of authority to transact business in the state revoked.

Proposed law retains present law except removes references to homosexuality.

(Amends R.S. 4:193(B), R.S. 9:3583, R.S. 12:1041, R.S. 14:107.2(A) and 326(C), R.S. 15:1204.2(B)(4) and 1402(A), R.S. 17:111, 158(F), 1676(D), 2053(D)(3), 3402(A), and 3991(B)(3), R.S. 22:1452(C)(25), 1454(A), and 1964(7)(f), R.S. 23:332 and 2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:27.2(B) and 27.4, R.S. 37:1025(B), 1107(C), 1360.23(H), 1437(D), 1455(A)(28), 2654(C)(1), 2719, 3425(C), and 3447(C), R.S. 38:2315, R.S. 39:1411, R.S. 40:1133.1(C), 2113.4(A), 2113.6(A)(1) and (B), 2120.35(B)(5), 2125(B), 2403(H)(1), and 2504, R.S. 46:437.11(A), 1104, 1134, 1154, 1407(B)(1)(e)(intro. para.) and (F), 1995, and 2205, R.S. 47:37(C) and 287.755(C), R.S. 48:274.1(C), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), and R.S. 51:2231(A), 2232(5), 2235(16)(a), 2236(A), 2237(2), 2247, 2248, 2254(1) and (2), 2255(A) (intro. para.), 2602(A), 2606(A)(1) - (5), 2607(A) and (C), and 2608; Adds R.S. 23:302(9) and (10))