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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 338, L.D. 1116, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4552, as amended by PL 1993, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

§4552. Policy

To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a life with dignity, and the causes of these practices, so that corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended and implemented, and to prevent discrimination in employment, except on account of a bona fide occupational qualification, or because of the previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A; in housing or, except on account of a reasonable concern related to health and safety or payment of rent; in access to public accommodations on account of race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin; and in employment, discrimination on account of age or because of the previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A and in housing because of familial status; and to prevent discrimination; in the extension of credit, except on account of age, race, color, sex, marital status, religion, ancestry or national origin; and to prevent discrimination a reasonable concern related to repayment; and in education on account of sex or physical or mental disability.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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The bill as amended by this amendment has no fiscal impact.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment repeals references to protected classes in portions of the Maine Human Rights Act and replaces them with a general prohibition against discrimination in the areas specified in current law subject to certain exceptions.

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