

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1169

S. P. 426

In Senate, February 7, 1963

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Whittaker of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Discrimination in Rental Housing.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

R. S., c. 137, § 50, amended. The first paragraph of section 50 of chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 282 of the public laws of 1959, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'No person, being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement shall directly or indirectly by himself or another, refuse, withhold from or deny to any person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges thereof, with intent to discriminate against or actually discriminating against persons of any race, color, religious sect, creed, class, denomination, ancestry or national origin.

No person, being the owner or lessee, or the agent or employee or such owner or lessee, of rental housing, shall directly or indirectly by himself or another refuse or deny to any person the rental or occupancy of a dwelling in such building with intent to discriminate against or actually discriminating against persons of any race, color, religious sect, creed, class, denomination, ancestry or national origin; except that this provision shall not apply to a building with not over 2 dwellings, one of which is occupied by the owner.

No such owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee shall directly or indirectly by himself or another, publish, issue, circulate, distribute or display in any way, any advertisement, circular, folder, letter, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed notice or sign, of any kind or description intended to discriminate or actually discriminating against persons of any race,

color, religious sect, creed, class, denomination, ancestry or national origin, in the full enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges offered to the general public by such places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, or in such rental housing. The production of any such advertisement, circular, folder, letter, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed notice or sign, purporting to relate to any such place and to be made by any person being the owner or operator or an agent or employee of said owner or operator shall be presumptive evidence in any action that the same was authorized by such person.'