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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Discrimination in Rental Housing.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 1301, amended. The first paragraph of section 1301 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'No person, as owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent or as agent or employee of the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager or superintendent of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, shall directly or indirectly, by himself or another, discriminate against any person by refusing, withholding from or denying any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges to such person because of his race, color, religious sect, creed, denomination, ancestry or national origin.

No person, as owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent or as agent or employee of the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager or superintendent of rental housing, shall directly or indirectly, by himself or another, discriminate against any person by refusing, withholding or denying the rental or occupancy of such rental housing to such person because of his race, color, religious sect, creed, denomination, ancestry or national origin.

No owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent or the agent or employee of such owner, lessee, proprietor, manager or superintendent 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 printed or printed notice or sign, of any kind or description which discriminates against any person 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 of the rental or occupancy of such rental housing, because of his race, color, religious sect, creed, denomination, ancestry or national origin.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 1301, amended. Section 1301 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

'Rental housing within the meaning of this section shall be any dwelling, structure or portion thereof offered for rent which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged or designed to be used or occupied as the home, residence or sleeping place of one or more persons, excepting:

1. Two-family dwellings. The rental of a one-family unit of a 2-family dwelling, one unit of which is occupied by the owner;
2. One-family dwellings. The rental of not more than 4 rooms of a one-family dwelling which is occupied by the owner.'