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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Make the Maine Human Rights Act Substantially Equivalent to Federal Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 4553, sub-§ 6, ¶ C, repealed and replaced. Paragraph C of subsection 6 of section 4553 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 501 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

C. The rental of any dwelling owned, controlled or operated for other than a commercial purpose, by a religious corporation to its membership unless such membership is restricted on account of race, color or national origin.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 4612, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 4612 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 501 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding at the end 3 new sentences to read as follows:

In conducting an investigation, the commission or its designated representative shall have access at all reasonable times to premises, records, documents, individuals and other evidence or possible sources of evidence and may examine, record and copy such materials and take and record the testimony or statements of such persons as are reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The commission may issue subpoenas to compel access to or production of such materials, or the appearance of such persons and may issue interrogatories to a respondent, to the same extent as subpoenas or interrogatories issued or served in aid of a civil action in the Superior Court. The commission may administer oaths.