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An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, MARLEY of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§6, as corrected by RR 1999, c. 2, §2, is amended to read:

6 **6. Housing accommodation.** "Housing accommodation" includes
7 any building or structure or portion thereof, or any parcel of
8 land, developed or undeveloped, ~~which~~ that is occupied, or is
9 intended to be occupied or to be developed for occupancy, for
10 residential purposes, excepting:

12 ~~A.---The rental of a one-family unit of a 2-family dwelling,~~
13 ~~one unit of which is occupied by the owner;~~

14 ~~B.---The rental of not more than 4 rooms of a one-family~~
15 ~~dwelling which is occupied by the owner; or~~

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

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SUMMARY

25 Current law prohibits unlawful discrimination in the sale,
26 rental, lease or management of housing accommodation. The term
27 "housing accommodation" does not currently include the rental of
28 a one-family unit of a 2-family dwelling if one unit is
29 owner-occupied or the rental of 4 or fewer rooms of a one-family
30 dwelling that is owner-occupied. This bill eliminates those
31 exclusions.
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