IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE against ANY PERSON in REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, (residential and commercial), because of their race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), national origin, ancestry, age (40 and over), marital status, disability, sexual orientation (including gender-related identity), familial status (families with children under 18), military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, and order of protection status.

The law applies to owners, managers, salespersons, brokers, rental agents, or other agents or employees of the owner or the owner's agents. Newspapers and other publications that print discriminatory advertising may also be held responsible for violations under the Act. Houses, apartments, condominiums, mobile home parks, vacant land, offices, stores and other types of residential and commercial property are covered under the law.

It is against the law to:

• Refuse to engage in a real estate transaction (sale or rental) based on a person’s protected class
• Alter the terms, conditions or privileges of a real estate transaction in a discriminatory manner
• Discriminate in the furnishing of facilities or connected services
• Refuse to negotiate the sale or rental of a property, misrepresent the availability of a property, or fail to disclose property listings
• Refuse to permit disabled persons to reasonably modify existing premises
• Refuse to make reasonable accommodations or require an extra charge for persons with disabilities who use service or support animals
• Refuse to rent or sell housing to families with children under the age of 18, pregnant or seeking custody or adoption of a child
• Alter mortgage or lending practices by financial institutions

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