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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Fair Housing Act; amending s.
760.22, F.S.; defining the term "source of income";
amending s. 760.23, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination in
the sale or rental of housing because of a person's source
of income; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section
760.22, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10) and
(11), respectively, and a new subsection(9) is added to said
section, to read:

760.22 Definitions.--As used in ss. 760.20-760.37, the
term:

(9) "Source of income" means receipt of any federal,
state, or local assistance, including medical assistance or rent
supplements.

Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of
section 760.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

760.23 Discrimination in the sale or rental of housing and
other prohibited practices.--

(1) It is unlawful to refuse to sell or rent after the
making of a bona fide offer, to refuse to negotiate for the sale
or rental of, or otherwise to make unavailable or deny a
dwelling to any person because of race, color, national origin,
sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~ religion, or source of
income.

(2) It is unlawful to discriminate against any person in
the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a

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31 dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in
 32 connection therewith, because of race, color, national origin,
 33 sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~ religion, or source of
 34 income.

35 (3) It is unlawful to make, print, or publish, or cause to
 36 be made, printed, or published, any notice, statement, or
 37 advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling
 38 that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination
 39 based on race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial
 40 status, ~~or~~ religion, or source of income or an intention to make
 41 any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.

42 (4) It is unlawful to represent to any person because of
 43 race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~
 44 religion, or source of income that any dwelling is not available
 45 for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact so
 46 available.

47 (5) It is unlawful, for profit, to induce or attempt to
 48 induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by a
 49 representation regarding the entry or prospective entry into the
 50 neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color,
 51 national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~ religion, or
 52 source of income.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.