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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 redesignating as subsections  
(10) and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added  
to that 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

1 dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in  
2 connection therewith, because of race, color, national origin,  
3 sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~ religion, or source of  
4 income.

5 (3) It is unlawful to make, print, or publish, or  
6 cause to be made, printed, or published, any notice,  
7 statement, or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental  
8 of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or  
9 discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex,  
10 handicap, familial status, ~~or~~ religion, or source of income or  
11 an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or  
12 discrimination.

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

18 (5) It is unlawful, for profit, to induce or attempt  
19 to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by a  
20 representation regarding the entry or prospective entry into  
21 the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race,  
22 color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, ~~or~~  
23 religion, or source of income.

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

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Defines the term "source of income" for purposes of the  
30 Fair Housing Act. Prohibits discrimination based upon a  
31 person's source of income.