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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

March 17, 2010

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human rights; making technical amendments to the Human Rights  
1.3 Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 363A.02, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 363A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Freedom from discrimination.** (a) It is the public policy of this  
1.8 state to secure for persons in this state, freedom from discrimination:

1.9 (1) in employment because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex,  
1.10 marital status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, ~~and~~  
1.11 age, and activity or membership on a local commission;

1.12 (2) in housing and real property because of race, color, creed, religion, national  
1.13 origin, sex, marital status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, sexual  
1.14 orientation, and familial status;

1.15 (3) in public accommodations because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin,  
1.16 sex, sexual orientation, and disability;

1.17 (4) in public services because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex,  
1.18 marital status, disability, sexual orientation, and status with regard to public assistance; ~~and~~

1.19 (5) in education because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital  
1.20 status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, and age;

1.21 (6) in credit because of race, color, creed, religion, disability, national origin, sex,  
1.22 sexual orientation, marital status, and status with regard to public assistance; and

1.23 (7) in business because of race, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, and  
1.24 disability.

2.1           (b) Such discrimination threatens the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of this  
2.2 state and menaces the institutions and foundations of democracy. It is also the public  
2.3 policy of this state to protect all persons from wholly unfounded charges of discrimination.  
2.4 Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as restricting the implementation of positive  
2.5 action programs to combat discrimination.