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S.B. No. 1474

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibition of discrimination with regard to housing developments based on the source of development funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 301.021, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 301.021. SALE, ~~[OR]~~ RENTAL, OR DEVELOPMENT. (a) A person may not refuse to sell or rent, after the making of a bona fide offer, refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or in any other manner make unavailable or deny a dwelling to another because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.

(b) A person may not discriminate against another in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale, ~~[or]~~ rental, or development of a dwelling or in providing services or facilities in connection with a sale, ~~[or]~~ rental, or development of a dwelling because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, ~~[or]~~ national origin, or source of funding for a proposed housing development.

(c) A person may not discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, religion, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the source of financing of a development or proposed development.

(d) This section does not prohibit discrimination against a

1 person because the person has been convicted under federal law or  
2 the law of any state of the illegal manufacture or distribution of a  
3 controlled substance.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.