

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 2713
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2025,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton			X	
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini		X		

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2713 By: Bettencourt

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to preventing discrimination in membership in a
1-23 professional or trade association.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, is
1-26 amended by adding Chapter 121 to read as follows:

1-27 CHAPTER 121. DISCRIMINATION BY PROFESSIONAL OR TRADE ASSOCIATION
1-28 PROHIBITED

1-29 Sec. 121.001. DENIAL OF MEMBERSHIP OR SERVICES. A
1-30 professional or trade association may not deny a person access to or
1-31 membership or participation in the association because of race,
1-32 color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national
1-33 origin or because of the person's exercise of the person's freedom
1-34 of speech or assembly, notwithstanding any provision of the
1-35 association's bylaws.

1-36 Sec. 121.002. PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION. (a) A person
1-37 aggrieved by a violation of Section 121.001 may bring an action
1-38 against the professional or trade association for injunctive relief
1-39 or damages.

1-40 (b) The court may award court costs and reasonable
1-41 attorney's fees to the prevailing party in an action brought under
1-42 this section.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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