

HB 1291 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1291**

AN ACT prohibiting discrimination against tenants holding certain vouchers for purposes of renting dwellings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kenney, Straf. 6; Rep. Chase, Straf. 18; Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6; Rep. M. Smith, Straf. 6; Rep. T. Smith, Hills. 17; Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rep. Grossman, Rock. 18; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits discrimination against tenants holding certain vouchers for purposes of renting dwellings.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Unlawful Discriminatory Practices; State Commission for Human Rights.
2 Amend RSA 354-A:10 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. To refuse to rent or otherwise make unavailable, or deny a dwelling to any prospective
4 tenant on the basis that he or she is a participant in the Housing Choice Voucher Program operated
5 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1437f, provided that no person shall be deemed to have violated this
6 paragraph if the reason for denying the prospective tenant, or making the dwelling unavailable, is:

7 (a) The rent charged for the dwelling is above that which the housing authority which
8 administers the voucher can lawfully approve, and the rent charged for the dwelling unit is the same
9 as the landlord charges tenants for a comparable unit in the same building or housing development;

10 or

11 (b) The housing authority determines that the dwelling fails to meet the Housing
12 Quality Standards promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
13 Development as codified in 24 C.F.R. 982.401.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.