

HB 256 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **256**

AN ACT prohibiting cities and towns from discriminating in the use of public facilities.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a municipality from unlawfully discriminating against any individual or group based on their speech or purpose.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Three

AN ACT prohibiting cities and towns from discriminating in the use of public facilities.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; Discrimination in the Use of Municipal Facilities Prohibited. Amend RSA
2 155 by inserting after section 39-d the following new subdivision:

3 Discrimination in the Use of Municipal Facilities Prohibited

4 155:39-e Discrimination in the Use of Municipal Facilities Prohibited.

5 I. No municipality shall unlawfully discriminate against any individual or group in the use
6 of municipal facilities on the basis of the individual's or group's speech or purpose.

7 II. In this section:

8 (a) "Municipal facilities" means any place of public accommodation, including any street,
9 highway, sidewalk, walkway, public building or location, park, or any other place or structure to
10 which the general public is regularly, normally, or customarily permitted or invited.

11 (b) "Municipality" means a city or town.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.