
By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition of Andrea F. Nuciforo for legislation to prohibit discrimination against a blind person in the sale or leasing of residential real property. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A BLIND PERSON IN THE SALE OR LEASING OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by striking out subsection 6 as most recently amend-
- 3 ed by chapter 90 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place
- 4 thereof the following subsection: —
- 5 For the owner, lessee, sublessee, licensed real estate broker,
- 6 assignee or managing agent of publicly assisted or multiple
- 7 dwelling or contiguously located housing accommodations or
- 8 other person having the right of ownership or possession or
- 9 right to rent or lease, or sell or negotiate for the sale of such
- 10 accommodations, or any agent or employee of such a person:
- 11 — (a) to refuse to rent or lease or sell or negotiate for sale
- 12 or otherwise to deny to or withhold from any person or group
- 13 of persons such accommodations because of the race, creed,
- 14 color or national origin of such person or persons or because
- 15 such person is a veteran or a member of the armed forces, or
- 16 because such person is blind; (b) to discriminate against any
- 17 person because of his race, creed, color or national origin or
- 18 because such person is a veteran or a member of the armed
- 19 forces or because such person is blind in the terms, conditions
- 20 or privileges of such accommodations or the acquisitions there-
- 21 of, or in the furnishing of facilities and services in connection
- 22 therewith; or (c) to cause to be made any written or oral
- 23 inquiry or record concerning the race, creed, color or national

24 origin of the person seeking to rent or lease or buy any such
 25 accommodation, or concerning the fact that such person is a
 26 veteran or member of the armed forces or because such per-
 27 son is blind.

(The Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-two

*AN ACT PROMOTING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A BLIND PERSON IN
 THE SALE OR LEASE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE*

*Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
 Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by striking out subsection 2 and inserting there-
- 3 in ed by chapter 90 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place
- 4 thereof the following subsection: —
- 5 For the owner, lessor, sublessor, landlord, real estate broker,
- 6 estate or managing agent of realty, or any other person
- 7 dwelling or conducting business in such accommodation or
- 8 other person having the right of occupancy or possession or
- 9 right to rent or lease, or sell or negotiate for the sale of such
- 10 accommodations, or any agent or employee of such a person
- 11 — (a) to refuse to rent or lease or sell or negotiate for the
- 12 or otherwise to deny to or withhold from any person or class
- 13 of persons such accommodations because of the race, color,
- 14 or national origin of such person or because of the
- 15 such person is a veteran or a member of the armed forces, or
- 16 because such person is blind; (b) to discriminate against any
- 17 person because of his race, color, or national origin or
- 18 because such person is a veteran or a member of the armed
- 19 forces or because such person is blind in the terms, conditions,
- 20 or privileges of such accommodations or the availability there-
- 21 of, or in the furnishing of facilities and services in connection
- 22 therewith; or (c) to make to be made any written or oral
- 23 inquiry or record concerning the race, color, or national