

SENATE No. 1275

By Mr. McCarthy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1275) of Robert E. McCarthy, Elaine Noble, Barbara E. Gray, Lois G. Pines and others for legislation to further define certain antidiscrimination laws. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING CERTAIN ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAWS.

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 1. Chapter 151B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the title and inserting in place there-
3 of the following title: —

4 UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RACE, COL-
5 OR, RELIGIOUS CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY
6 OR SEX.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12 of chapter 183A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out clause (c) and inserting in
3 place thereof the following clause: —

4 (c) A right of first refusal by the organization of unit
5 owners in case of the sale of a unit, such right to be ex-
6 ercised within thirty days after written notice of intent to sell
7 is given to such organization, provided, however, that this
8 right shall not be exercised so as to restrict alienation, con-
9 veyance, sale, leasing, purchase, ownership and occupancy of
10 units because of race, creed, color, national origin or sex.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 184 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 23B and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 23B.* A provision in an instrument relating to real
5 property which purports to forbid or restrict the conveyance,
6 encumbrance, occupancy, or lease thereof to individuals of a
7 specified race, color, religion, national origin or sex shall be

8 void. Any condition, restriction or prohibition, including a
 9 right of entry or a possibility of reverter, which directly or
 10 indirectly limits the use for occupancy of real property on
 11 the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex shall
 12 be void, excepting a limitation on the basis of religion of use
 13 of real property held by a religious or denominational insti-
 14 tution or organization or by an organization operated for
 15 charitable or educational purposes which is operated, super-
 16 vised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organ-
 17 ization.