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H.B. NO. 486

A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Estate Transactions.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 513-3,¹ Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§515-3 Discriminatory practices. It is a discriminatory practice for an owner or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction, or for a real estate broker or salesman, because of race, sex, color, religion, marital status, parental status, ancestry, or a physical handicap:

- (1) To refuse to engage in a real estate transaction with a person;
- (2) To discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith;
- (3) To refuse to receive or to fail to transmit a bona fide offer to engage in a real estate transaction from a person;
- (4) To refuse to negotiate for a real estate transaction with a person;
- (5) To represent to a person that real property is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease when in fact it is so available, or to fail to bring a property listing to the person's attention, or to refuse to permit the person to inspect real property;
- (6) To print, circulate, post, or mail, or cause to be so published a statement, advertisement, or sign, or to use a form of application for a real estate transaction, or to make a record or inquiry in connection with a prospective real estate transaction, which indicates, directly or indirectly, an intent to make a limitation, specification, or discrimination with respect thereto; [or]
- (7) To offer, solicit, accept, use, or retain a listing of real property with the understanding that a person may be discriminated against in a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith; provided that it shall not be a discriminatory practice under this section to exclude a person based on parental status, or to so advertise or otherwise state, from a real estate transaction or housing accommodation developed specifically for the elderly. For the purposes of this [section] paragraph an elderly person is a person who is sixty-two years of age or older. Nothing in this section shall affect covenants, bylaws, or administrative provisions established in accordance with chapter 514A or established under organizational documents and proprietary leases for housing cooperatives, placing restrictions based upon parental status, existing prior to April 19, 1984[.]; or
- (8) To refuse to engage in a real estate transaction with a blind or deaf person because the person uses the services of a certified guide or signal dog; provided that reasonable restrictions or prohibitions may be imposed regarding excessive noise or other problems caused by those animals. For the purposes of this paragraph:

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“Blind” shall be as defined in section 235-1;

“Deaf” shall be as defined in section 235-1;

“Guide dog” means any dog individually trained by a licensed guide dog trainer for guiding a blind person by means of a harness attached to the dog and a rigid handle grasped by the person; and

“Signal dog” means any dog trained to alert a deaf person to intruders or sounds.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 1987.)

Note

1. Should be “515-3”