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Introduced by Representatives Ram of Burlington, Buxton of Royalton,
Christie of Hartford, Davis of Washington, Edwards of
Brattleboro, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City,
Larson of Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro, Munger of South
Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand
of Weathersfield, Weston of Burlington and Yantachka of
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Discrimination; public accommodations; unfair housing practices

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit discrimination in land use
decisions or the permitting of developments because a proposed development
contains affordable housing units.

An act relating to unfair housing practices

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4503 is amended to read:

§ 4503. UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person:

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1 (12) To discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of a
2 housing development based on race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
3 age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, or handicap of a
4 person, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the fact that a development
5 contains affordable housing units for families or individuals with incomes
6 below 80 percent of the area median income.

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