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Definition of the key term “housing status” (Sec. 3, page 4)

- 9 V.S.A. § 4501: (11) “Housing status” means the status of being homeless, being a homeless individual, or being a homeless person, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11302.
- 42 U.S.C. § 11302: homeless, homeless individual, and homeless person means:
 - (1) an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
 - (2) an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation ... including a car, park...;
 - (3) an individual or family living in a ... shelter ...;
 - (5) an individual or family who ... will imminently lose their housing...

Sections 5 & 6 (pages 4-7)

- Adds “housing status” to antidiscrimination laws in Title 9, thereby making the status of being homeless a protected class.
- Section 4 and the definition of “place of public accommodation”: 9 V.S.A. § 4501(1) defines as any school, restaurant, store, establishment, or other facility at services, goods, or accommodations are offered to the general public.
- Section 5 concerns renting or selling housing and associated issues such as advertisements concerning housing, the showing of real estate, providing loans, and permitting.

Sections 1 & 2

- Findings and homeless bill of rights.