| 1  | S.197  |
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| 2  | Introduced by Senator Ingram   |
| 3  | Referred to Committee on   |
| 4  | Date:  |
| 5  | Subject: Genetic information; discrimination                                     |
| б  | Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit       |
| 7  | discrimination based on an individual's genetic information in relation to       |
| 8  | employment, labor relations, insurance coverage, and the provision of social     |
| 9  | and medical services.  |
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| 10 | An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information       |
| 10 | All act relating to promoting discrimination based on genetic information        |
| 11 | It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:            |
| 12 | * * * Genetic Information and Testing * * *                                      |
| 13 | Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9331 is amended to read:                                     |
| 14 | § 9331. DEFINITIONS  |
| 15 | For purposes of As used in this chapter:   |
| 16 | * * *  |
| 17 | (6) "Genetic information" means:   |
| 18 | (A) the results of genetic testing related to an individual or a family          |
| 19 | member of the individual contained in any report, interpretation, evaluation, or |
| 20 | other record thereof; or   |

| 1  | (B) the manifestation of a disease or disorder in a family member of                  |
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| 2  | the individual.   |
| 3  | * * *   |
| 4  | Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9333 is amended to read:  |
| 5  | § 9333. GENETIC TESTING; EMPLOYMENT; MEMBERSHIP IN A                                  |
| 6  | LABOR ORGANIZATION; PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE  |
| 7  | (a) No person shall, directly or indirectly, do any of the following as a             |
| 8  | condition of, or to affect the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, of     |
| 9  | membership in a labor organization, or of professional licensure, certification,      |
| 10 | or registration:  |
| 11 | * * *   |
| 12 | (2) use genetic testing results or genetic information from a person $an$             |
| 13 | individual or a member of a person's the individual's family;                         |
| 14 | (3) use the diagnosis of a genetic disease derived from a clinical                    |
| 15 | interview and examination, but not derived from the results of a genetic test; or     |
| 16 | (4) require genetic testing.  |
| 17 | (b) As used in this section, "employment" includes <u>an</u> application for          |
| 18 | employment, provided that subject to the underwriting limitations of section          |
| 19 | 9334 of this title, this subsection shall not prohibit use of genetic testing results |
| 20 | or genetic information in connection with life, disability income, or long-term       |
| 21 | care insurance provided under an employee benefit plan.                               |

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| 2  | Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 9334 is amended to read:                                  |
| 3  | § 9334. GENETIC TESTING AS A CONDITION OF INSURANCE                           |
| 4  | COVERAGE  |
| 5  | (a) No policy of insurance offered for delivery or issued in this State shall |
| 6  | be underwritten or conditioned on the basis of:                               |
| 7  | (1) any requirement or agreement of the individual to undergo genetic         |
| 8  | testing; or   |
| 9  | (2) the results of genetic testing of genetic information of a member of      |
| 10 | the individual's family.  |
| 11 | * * *   |
| 12 | * * * Insurance * * *   |
| 13 | Sec. 4. 8 V.S.A. § 3702 is amended to read:                                   |
| 14 | § 3702. OTHER PROHIBITED PRACTICES  |
| 15 | A life insurance company doing business in the State or an agent thereof      |
| 16 | shall not:  |
| 17 | * * *   |
| 18 | (3) grant a special favor or advantage in the dividends or other benefits     |
| 19 | to accrue thereon; <del>or</del>  |
| 20 | (4) provide any valuable consideration or inducement not specified in         |
| 21 | the policy <u>; or</u>  |

| 1  | (5)(A) Condition insurance rates, the provision or renewal of insurance        |
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| 2  | coverage or benefits, or other conditions of insurance for any individual on:  |
| 3  | (i) any requirement or agreement of the individual to undergo                  |
| 4  | genetic testing; or  |
| 5  | (ii) the genetic information of a member of the individual's family            |
| 6  | unless the information is contained in the individual's medical record.        |
| 7  | (B) As used in this subdivision, "genetic testing" and "genetic                |
| 8  | information" have the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.                     |
| 9  | Sec. 5. 8 V.S.A. § 4724 is amended to read:                                    |
| 10 | § 4724. UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION OR UNFAIR OR                             |
| 11 | DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES DEFINED  |
| 12 | The following are hereby defined as unfair methods of competition or unfair    |
| 13 | or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance:                   |
| 14 | * * *  |
| 15 | (7) Unfair discrimination; arbitrary underwriting action.                      |
| 16 | * * *  |
| 17 | (D) Making or permitting any unfair discrimination against any                 |
| 18 | individual by conditioning insurance rates, the provision or renewal of        |
| 19 | insurance coverage, or other conditions of insurance based on medical          |
| 20 | information, including the results of genetic testing the individual's genetic |
| 21 | information, where there is not a relationship between the medical information |

| 1  | and the cost of the insurance risk that the insurer would assume by insuring the  |
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| 2  | proposed insured. In demonstrating the relationship, the insurer can rely on      |
| 3  | actual or reasonably anticipated experience. As used in this subdivision,         |
| 4  | "genetic testing information" shall be defined as the term is defined has the     |
| 5  | <u>same meaning as</u> in 18 V.S.A. § <del>9331(7)</del> <u>9331</u> .            |
| 6  | * * *   |
| 7  | (22) Genetic testing.   |
| 8  | (A) Conditioning insurance rates, the provision or renewal of                     |
| 9  | insurance coverage or benefits, or other conditions of insurance for any          |
| 10 | individual on:  |
| 11 | (i) any requirement or agreement of the individual to undergo                     |
| 12 | genetic testing; or   |
| 13 | (ii) the results of genetic testing genetic information of a member               |
| 14 | of the individual's family unless the results are information is contained in the |
| 15 | individual's medical record.  |
| 16 | (B) As used in this subdivision, "genetic testing" shall be defined as            |
| 17 | the term is defined and "genetic information" have the same meaning as in         |
| 18 | 18 V.S.A. § <del>9331(7)</del> 9331.  |

| 1  | Sec. 6. 8 V.S.A. § 5115 is amended to read:                                     |
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| 2  | § 5115. DUTY OF NONPROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE                                    |
| 3  | ORGANIZATIONS   |
| 4  | (a) Any nonprofit health maintenance organization subject to this chapter       |
| 5  | shall offer nongroup plans to individuals in accordance with section 4080b of   |
| 6  | this title without discrimination based on age, gender, industry, genetic       |
| 7  | information, and medical history, except as allowed by subdivisions             |
| 8  | 4080a(h)(2)(B) and 4080b(h)(2)(B) of this title pursuant to 33 V.S.A.           |
| 9  | <u>§ 1811(f)(2)(A)</u> .  |
| 10 | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as      |
| 11 | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>   |
| 12 | Sec. 7. 8 V.S.A. § 8086 is amended to read:                                     |
| 13 | § 8086. PREEXISTING CONDITIONS; GENETIC TESTING                                 |
| 14 | * * *   |
| 15 | (b)(1) No long-term care insurance policy or certificate may exclude            |
| 16 | coverage for a loss or confinement which is the result of a preexisting         |
| 17 | condition, unless such loss or confinement begins within six months following   |
| 18 | the effective date of coverage of an insured person.                            |
| 19 | (2)(A) No long-term care insurance policy or certificate may condition          |
| 20 | insurance rates, the provision or renewal of insurance coverage or benefits, or |
| 21 | other conditions of insurance for any individual on:                            |

| 1  | (i) any requirement or agreement of the individual to undergo                        |
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| 2  | genetic testing; or  |
| 3  | (ii) the genetic information of a member of the individual's family                  |
| 4  | unless the information is contained in the individual's medical record.              |
| 5  | (B) As used in this subdivision, "genetic testing" and "genetic                      |
| 6  | information" have the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.                           |
| 7  | * * *  |
| 8  | * * * Employment * * *   |
| 9  | Sec. 8. 21 V.S.A. § 495 is amended to read:  |
| 10 | § 495. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE  |
| 11 | (a) It shall be unlawful employment practice, except where a bona fide               |
| 12 | occupational qualification requires persons of a particular race, color, religion,   |
| 13 | national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, place of birth, |
| 14 | age, crime victim status, or physical or mental condition, or with particular        |
| 15 | genetic information:   |
| 16 | (1) For any employer, employment agency, or labor organization to                    |
| 17 | discriminate against any individual because of race, color, religion, ancestry,      |
| 18 | national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, place of birth, crime     |
| 19 | victim status, genetic information, or age or against a qualified individual with    |
| 20 | a disability;  |

| 1  | (2) For any person seeking employees or for any employment agency or              |
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| 2  | labor organization to cause to be printed, published, or circulated any notice or |
| 3  | advertisement relating to employment or membership indicating any                 |
| 4  | preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based upon race, color,  |
| 5  | religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,    |
| 6  | place of birth, crime victim status, genetic information, age, or disability;     |
| 7  | (3) For any employment agency to fail or refuse to classify properly or           |
| 8  | refer for employment or to otherwise discriminate against any individual          |
| 9  | because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual          |
| 10 | orientation, gender identity, place of birth, crime victim status, genetic        |
| 11 | information, or age or against a qualified individual with a disability;          |
| 12 | (4) For any labor organization, because of race, color, religion, ancestry,       |
| 13 | national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, place of birth, crime  |
| 14 | victim status, genetic information, or age to discriminate against any individual |
| 15 | or against a qualified individual with a disability or to limit, segregate, or    |
| 16 | qualify its membership;   |
| 17 | * * *   |
| 18 | Sec. 9. 21 V.S.A. § 495d is amended to read:                                      |
| 19 | § 495d. DEFINITIONS   |
| 20 | As used in this subchapter:   |
| 21 | * * *   |

| 1  | (16) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                  |
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| 2  | <u>§ 9331.</u>   |
| 3  | * * * Labor Relations * * *  |
| 4  | Sec. 10. 3 V.S.A. § 902 is amended to read:                                      |
| 5  | § 902. DEFINITIONS   |
| 6  | As used in this chapter:   |
| 7  | * * *  |
| 8  | (13) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                  |
| 9  | <u>§ 9331.</u>   |
| 10 | * * *  |
| 11 | Sec. 11. 3 V.S.A. § 904 is amended to read:                                      |
| 12 | § 904. SUBJECTS FOR BARGAINING   |
| 13 | (a) All matters relating to the relationship between the employer and            |
| 14 | employees shall be the subject of collective bargaining except those matters     |
| 15 | that are prescribed or controlled by statute. The matters appropriate for        |
| 16 | collective bargaining to the extent they are not prescribed or controlled by     |
| 17 | statute include:   |
| 18 | * * *  |
| 19 | (9) rules for personnel administration, except the following: rules              |
| 20 | relating to persons exempt from the classified service under section 311 of this |
| 21 | title and rules relating to applicants for employment in State service and       |

| 1  | employees in an initial probationary status, including any extension or            |
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| 2  | extensions thereof, provided the rules are not discriminatory by reason of an      |
| 3  | applicant's race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender   |
| 4  | identity, ancestry, place of birth, age, genetic information, or physical or       |
| 5  | mental condition; and  |
| 6  | * * *  |
| 7  | Sec. 12. 3 V.S.A. § 961 is amended to read:  |
| 8  | § 961. EMPLOYERS   |
| 9  | It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer:                              |
| 10 | * * *  |
| 11 | (6) to discriminate against an employee on account of race, color, creed,          |
| 12 | religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic       |
| 13 | information, or national origin;   |
| 14 | * * *  |
| 15 | Sec. 13. 3 V.S.A. § 963 is amended to read:  |
| 16 | § 963. MEMBERSHIP; EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS   |
| 17 | An employee organization entering into an agreement shall not:                     |
| 18 | (1) discriminate against a person seeking or holding membership therein            |
| 19 | in the organization on account of race, color, creed, religion, age, disability,   |
| 20 | sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or national origin; |
| 21 | * * *  |

| 1  | Sec. 14. 3 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:  |
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| 2  | § 1001. GRIEVANCES; APPLICANTS AND EXCLUDED PERSONNEL                               |
| 3  | (a) Persons who are applicants for State employment in the classified               |
| 4  | service and classified employees in their initial probationary period and any       |
| 5  | extension or extensions thereof may appeal to the State Labor Relations Board       |
| 6  | if they believe themselves discriminated against on account of their race, color,   |
| 7  | creed, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, genetic |
| 8  | information, or national origin.  |
| 9  | * * *   |
| 10 | Sec. 15. 3 V.S.A. § 1011 is amended to read:  |
| 11 | § 1011. DEFINITIONS   |
| 12 | As used in this chapter:  |
| 13 | * * *   |
| 14 | (18) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                     |
| 15 | <u>§ 9331.</u>  |
| 16 | Sec. 16. 3 V.S.A. § 1013 is amended to read:  |
| 17 | § 1013. SUBJECTS FOR BARGAINING   |
| 18 | All matters relating to the relationship between the employer and employees         |
| 19 | are subject to collective bargaining, to the extent those matters are not           |
| 20 | prescribed or controlled by law, including:   |
| 21 | * * *   |

| 1  | (9) rules for personnel administration of employees provided the rules             |
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| 2  | are not discriminatory in regard to an applicant's race, color, creed, sex, sexual |
| 3  | orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, religion, genetic information, |
| 4  | or disability;   |
| 5  | * * *  |
| 6  | Sec. 17. 3 V.S.A. § 1026 is amended to read:                                       |
| 7  | § 1026. EMPLOYERS  |
| 8  | It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer:                              |
| 9  | * * *  |
| 10 | (6) to discriminate against an employee on account of race, color, creed,          |
| 11 | sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, religion, genetic  |
| 12 | information, or disability;  |
| 13 | * * *  |
| 14 | Sec. 18. 3 V.S.A. § 1028 is amended to read:                                       |
| 15 | § 1028. MEMBERSHIP; EMPLOYEE RIGHTS  |
| 16 | An employee organization entering into an agreement shall not:                     |
| 17 | (1) discriminate against a member or applicant for membership on                   |
| 18 | account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national  |
| 19 | origin, age, religion, genetic information, or disability;                         |
| 20 | * * *  |

| 1  | Sec. 19. 3 V.S.A. § 1041 is amended to read:                                     |
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| 2  | § 1041. GRIEVANCES; APPLICANTS AND EXCLUDED PERSONNEL                            |
| 3  | (a) An applicant for employment in a position included in the bargaining         |
| 4  | unit and employees who are in the initial or extended probationary period may    |
| 5  | appeal to the Board if they believe they were discriminated against on account   |
| 6  | of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national   |
| 7  | origin, religion, genetic information, or disability.                            |
| 8  | * * *  |
| 9  | Sec. 20. 21 V.S.A. § 1502 is amended to read:                                    |
| 10 | § 1502. DEFINITIONS  |
| 11 | As used in this chapter:   |
| 12 | * * *  |
| 13 | (15) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                  |
| 14 | <u>§ 9331.</u>   |
| 15 | Sec. 21. 21 V.S.A. § 1621 is amended to read:                                    |
| 16 | § 1621. UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES   |
| 17 | (a) It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer:                        |
| 18 | * * *  |
| 19 | (7) To discriminate against an employee on account of race, color,               |
| 20 | creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, |
| 21 | genetic information, or disability.  |

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| 2  | (b) It shall be an unfair labor practice for a labor organization or its agents:   |
| 3  | * * *  |
| 4  | (8) Compulsory membership; employees' rights. A To, where the labor                |
| 5  | organization entering has entered into an agreement requiring a person's           |
| 6  | membership therein in the labor organization as a condition of employment by       |
| 7  | the employer shall not:  |
| 8  | (A) discriminate against a person seeking or holding membership                    |
| 9  | therein in the labor organization on account of race, color, disability, religion, |
| 10 | creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, genetic information, or      |
| 11 | national origin;   |
| 12 | * * *  |
| 13 | Sec. 22. 21 V.S.A. § 1631 is amended to read:                                      |
| 14 | § 1631. DEFINITIONS  |
| 15 | As used in this chapter:   |
| 16 | * * *  |
| 17 | (5) <u>"Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>      |
| 18 | (6) "Grievance" means the exclusive representative's formal written                |
| 19 | complaint regarding the improper application of one or more terms of the           |
| 20 | collective bargaining agreement, the failure to abide by any agreement             |
| 21 | reached, or the discriminatory application of a rule or regulation, which has not  |

| 1  | been resolved to a satisfactory result through informal discussion with the     |
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| 2  | State.  |
| 3  | (6)(7) "Independent direct support provider" means any individual who           |
| 4  | provides home- and community-based services to a service recipient and is       |
| 5  | employed by the service recipient, shared living provider, or surrogate.        |
| 6  | (7)(8) "Labor organization" means an organization of any kind in which          |
| 7  | independent direct support providers participate and which exists, in whole or  |
| 8  | in part, for the purpose of representing independent direct support providers.  |
| 9  | (8)(9) "Service recipient" means a person who receives home- and                |
| 10 | community-based services under the Choices for Care Medicaid waiver, the        |
| 11 | Attendant Services Program (ASP), the Children's Personal Care Service          |
| 12 | Program, the Developmental Disabilities Services Program, or any successor      |
| 13 | program or similar program subsequently established.                            |
| 14 | (9)(10) "Shared living provider" means a person who operates under a            |
| 15 | contract with an authorized agency and provides individualized home support     |
| 16 | for one or two people who live in his or her home. An authorized agency         |
| 17 | includes a designated agency for developmental services.                        |
| 18 | (10)(11) "Surrogate" means a service recipient's authorized family              |
| 19 | member, legal guardian, or a person identified in a written agreement as having |
| 20 | responsibility for the care of a service recipient.                             |

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| 1  | Sec. 23. 21 V.S.A. § 1637 is amended to read:                                   |
| 2  | § 1637. GENERAL DUTIES AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT                                   |
| 3  | * * *   |
| 4  | (b) It shall be an unfair labor practice for the State to:                      |
| 5  | * * *   |
| 6  | (6) discriminate against an independent direct support provider based on        |
| 7  | race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, |
| 8  | genetic information, or national origin, or because the provider is a qualified |
| 9  | individual with a disability.   |
| 10 | * * *   |
| 11 | Sec. 24. 21 V.S.A. § 1722 is amended to read:                                   |
| 12 | § 1722. DEFINITIONS   |
| 13 | As used in this chapter:  |
| 14 | * * *   |
| 15 | (23) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                 |
| 16 | <u>§ 9331.</u>  |
| 17 | Sec. 25. 21 V.S.A. § 1726 is amended to read:                                   |
| 18 | § 1726. UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES  |
| 19 | (a) It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer:                       |
| 20 | * * *   |

| 1  | (7) To discriminate against an employee on account of race, color,                 |
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| 2  | religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin,        |
| 3  | disability, age, genetic information, or political affiliation.                    |
| 4  | * * *  |
| 5  | (b) It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employee organization or its       |
| 6  | agents:  |
| 7  | * * *  |
| 8  | (9) To discriminate against a person seeking or holding membership                 |
| 9  | therein in the employee organization on account of race, color, religion, creed,   |
| 10 | sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or |
| 11 | political affiliation.   |
| 12 | * * *  |
| 13 | Sec. 26. 33 V.S.A. § 3602 is amended to read:                                      |
| 14 | § 3602. DEFINITIONS  |
| 15 | As used in this chapter:   |
| 16 | * * *  |
| 17 | (7) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.             |
| 18 | Sec. 27. 33 V.S.A. § 3612 is amended to read:                                      |
| 19 | § 3612. GENERAL DUTIES AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT                                      |
| 20 | * * *  |
| 21 | (b) It shall be an unfair labor practice for the State to:                         |

| 1  | * * *   |
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| 2  | (6) discriminate against an early care and education provider based on              |
| 3  | race, color, religion, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,     |
| 4  | national origin, place of birth, genetic information, or marital status, or against |
| 5  | a qualified disabled individual; or   |
| 6  | * * *   |
| 7  | * * * Social and Medical Services * * *   |
| 8  | Sec. 28. 8 V.S.A. § 4588 is amended to read:  |
| 9  | § 4588. ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMISSIONER   |
| 10 | (a) Annually, on or before March 15, a medical service corporation shall            |
| 11 | file with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation a statement sworn to by          |
| 12 | the president and treasurer of the corporation showing its condition on             |
| 13 | December 31, which shall be in such form and contain such matters as the            |
| 14 | Commissioner shall prescribe. To qualify for the tax exemption set forth in         |
| 15 | section 4590 of this title, the statement shall include a certification that the    |
| 16 | medical service corporation operates on a nonprofit basis for the purpose of        |
| 17 | providing an adequate medical service plan to individuals of the State, both        |
| 18 | groups and nongroups, without discrimination based on age, gender,                  |
| 19 | geographic area, industry, genetic information, and medical history, except as      |
| 20 | allowed by subdivisions 4080a(h)(2)(B) and 4080b(h)(2)(B) of this title             |
| 21 | pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1811(f)(2)(A).  |

| 1  | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as       |
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| 2  | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>  |
| 3  | Sec. 29. 8 V.S.A. § 4516 is amended to read:                                     |
| 4  | § 4516. ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMISSIONER  |
| 5  | (a) Annually, on or before March 15, a hospital service corporation shall        |
| б  | file with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation a statement sworn to by       |
| 7  | the president and treasurer of the corporation showing its condition on          |
| 8  | December 31. The statement shall be in such form and contain such matters as     |
| 9  | the Commissioner shall prescribe. To qualify for the tax exemption set forth in  |
| 10 | section 4518 of this title, the statement shall include a certification that the |
| 11 | hospital service corporation operates on a nonprofit basis for the purpose of    |
| 12 | providing an adequate hospital service plan to individuals of the State, both    |
| 13 | groups and nongroups, without discrimination based on age, gender,               |
| 14 | geographic area, industry, genetic information, and medical history, except as   |
| 15 | allowed by subdivisions 4080a(h)(2)(B) and 4080b(h)(2)(B) of this title          |
| 16 | pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1811(f)(2)(A).   |
| 17 | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as       |
| 18 | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>  |
| 19 | Sec. 30. 33 V.S.A. § 101 is amended to read:                                     |
| 20 | § 101. POLICY  |
| 21 | It is the policy of the State of Vermont that:                                   |

| 1  | * * *  |
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| 2  | (3) Assistance and benefits shall be administered promptly, with due               |
| 3  | regard for the preservation of family life, and without restriction of individual  |
| 4  | rights or discrimination on account of race, religion, political affiliation,      |
| 5  | genetic information, or place of residence within the State.                       |
| 6  | * * *  |
| 7  | * * * Financial Services * * *   |
| 8  | Sec. 31. 8 V.S.A. § 10403 is amended to read:                                      |
| 9  | § 10403. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX,                               |
| 10 | MARITAL STATUS, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL                                    |
| 11 | ORIGIN, AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY,                                  |
| 12 | OR DISABILITY  |
| 13 | (a) No financial institution shall discriminate against any applicant for          |
| 14 | credit services on the basis of the sex, marital status, race, color, religion,    |
| 15 | national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or |
| 16 | disability of the applicant, provided the applicant has the legal capacity to      |
| 17 | contract.  |
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| 19 | (c) Definitions. As used in this section:  |
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| 21 | (8) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.             |

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| 2  | Sec. 32. 9 V.S.A. § 2362 is amended to read:  |
| 3  | § 2362. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX,                                   |
| 4  | SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, MARITAL  |
| 5  | STATUS, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE,                                  |
| 6  | OR DISABILITY   |
| 7  | (a) No seller shall discriminate against any buyer or prospective buyer who           |
| 8  | desires to establish a retail installment contract because of the sex, sexual         |
| 9  | orientation, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, |
| 10 | age, genetic information, or disability of the buyer.                                 |
| 11 | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as            |
| 12 | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>   |
| 13 | Sec. 33. 9 V.S.A. § 2410 is amended to read:  |
| 14 | § 2410. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX,                                   |
| 15 | SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, MARITAL  |
| 16 | STATUS, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE,                                  |
| 17 | OR DISABILITY   |
| 18 | (a) No seller shall discriminate against any buyer or prospective buyer who           |
| 19 | desires to establish a retail installment contract or retail charge agreement         |
| 20 | because of the sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, race,        |

| 1  | color, religion, national origin, age, genetic information, or disability of the |
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| 2  | buyer.   |
| 3  | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as       |
| 4  | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>  |
| 5  | * * * Real Estate, Housing, and Public Accommodations * * *                      |
| 6  | Sec. 34. 9 V.S.A. § 2388 is amended to read:                                     |
| 7  | § 2388. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX,                              |
| 8  | SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, MARITAL                                     |
| 9  | STATUS, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE,                             |
| 10 | OR DISABILITY  |
| 11 | (a) No person shall discriminate against any lessee or prospective lessee        |
| 12 | who has entered into an agricultural finance lease, or who desires to enter into |
| 13 | an agricultural finance lease, because of the sex, sexual orientation, gender    |
| 14 | identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, age, genetic   |
| 15 | information, or disability of the lessee.  |
| 16 | (b) As used in this section, "genetic information" has the same meaning as       |
| 17 | <u>in 18 V.S.A. § 9331.</u>  |
| 18 | Sec. 35. 9 V.S.A. § 4501 is amended to read:                                     |
| 19 | § 4501. DEFINITIONS  |
| 20 | As used in this chapter:   |
| 21 | * * *  |

| 1  | (12) "Genetic information" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.                      |
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| 2  | <u>§ 9331.</u>   |
| 3  | Sec. 36. 9 V.S.A. § 4502 is amended to read:   |
| 4  | § 4502. PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS  |
| 5  | (a) An owner or operator of a place of public accommodation or an agent              |
| 6  | or employee of such the owner or operator shall not, because of the race, creed,     |
| 7  | color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, |
| 8  | or genetic information of any person, refuse, withhold from, or deny to that         |
| 9  | person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of the      |
| 10 | place of public accommodation.   |
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| 12 | Sec. 37. 9 V.S.A. § 4503 is amended to read:   |
| 13 | § 4503. UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES   |
| 14 | (a) It shall be unlawful for any person:   |
| 15 | (1) To refuse to sell or rent, or refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental         |
| 16 | of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling or other real estate to        |
| 17 | any person because of the race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age,       |
| 18 | marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, or     |
| 19 | disability of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with        |
| 20 | one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public             |
| 21 | assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.   |

| 1  | (2) To discriminate against, or to harass any person in the terms,                  |
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| 2  | conditions, privileges, and protections of the sale or rental of a dwelling or      |
| 3  | other real estate, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection      |
| 4  | therewith, because of the race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age,      |
| 5  | marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, or    |
| 6  | disability of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with       |
| 7  | one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public            |
| 8  | assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.  |
| 9  | (3) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published          |
| 10 | any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a    |
| 11 | dwelling or other real estate that indicates any preference, limitation, or         |
| 12 | discrimination based on race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age,        |
| 13 | marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, or    |
| 14 | disability of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with       |
| 15 | one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public            |
| 16 | assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.  |
| 17 | (4) To represent to any person because of the race, sex, sexual                     |
| 18 | orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national |
| 19 | origin, genetic information, or disability of a person, or because a person         |
| 20 | intends to occupy a dwelling with one or more minor children, or because a          |
| 21 | person is a recipient of public assistance, or because a person is a victim of      |

1 abuse, sexual assault, or stalking, that any dwelling or other real estate is not 2 available for inspection, sale, or rental when the dwelling or real estate is in 3 fact so available. \* \* \* 4 5 (6) To discriminate against any person in the making or purchasing of 6 loans or providing other financial assistance for real-estate-related transactions 7 or in the selling, brokering, or appraising of residential real property, because 8 of the race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, 9 religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, or disability of a 10 person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with one or more 11 minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public assistance, or 12 because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. 13 (7) To engage in blockbusting practices, for profit, which may include 14 inducing or attempting to induce a person to sell or rent a dwelling by 15 representations regarding the entry into the neighborhood of a person or 16 persons of a particular race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, 17 marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, or 18 disability of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with 19 one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public 20 assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

| 1  | (8) To deny any person access to or membership or participation in any              |
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| 2  | multiple listing service, real estate brokers' organization, or other service,      |
| 3  | organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, |
| 4  | or to discriminate against any person in the terms or conditions of such access,    |
| 5  | membership, or participation, on account of race, sex, sexual orientation,          |
| 6  | gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin,      |
| 7  | genetic information, or disability of a person, or because a person is a recipient  |
| 8  | of public assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or  |
| 9  | stalking.   |
| 10 | * * *   |
| 11 | (12) To discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of                  |
| 12 | housing because of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital     |
| 13 | status, religious creed, color, national origin, genetic information, disability,   |
| 14 | the presence of one or more minor children, income, or because of the receipt       |
| 15 | of public assistance, or because a person is a victim of abuse, sexual assault, or  |
| 16 | stalking, except as otherwise provided by law.                                      |
| 17 | * * *   |
| 18 | * * * Effective Date * * *  |
| 19 | Sec. 38. EFFECTIVE DATE   |
| 20 | This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.   |
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