



RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Legislative Impact Statement

To: Chairperson Raymond A. Hull
House Municipal Government & Housing Committee

From: Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary *BC*

Re: 21 House 5257 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT

Friday, February 19, 2021

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee has developed a Legislative Impact Statement on the bill listed below. The Commission would be pleased to present testimony to the committee. Please contact me (462-0102) if testimony is desired or for additional information.

Introduced By Representative Williams

This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.

This act would take effect upon passage.

Commission Supports

Equal access to affordable and physically accessible housing is a basic civil right. That right should not be diminished based on the lawful source of income (i.e. Social Security Disability Income, Section 8 Housing Vouchers, etc.). Source of income discrimination is prohibited in half of the New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont).

cc: Representative Williams
Ryan Erickson, Governor's Office on Legislative Affairs