

HOUSE BILL No. 5656

June 11, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Singh, Rutledge, Slavens, Zemke, Irwin, Stallworth,
Hobbs, Hovey-Wright, Geiss and Barnett and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 453, entitled
"Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,"
by amending section 502 (MCL 37.2502), as amended by 1992 PA 124.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 502. (1) A person engaging in a real estate transaction,
2 or a real estate broker or salesman, shall not on the basis of
3 religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status,
4 ~~or~~ marital status of a person or a person residing with that
5 person, **OR STATUS AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,**
6 **OR STALKING DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

7 (a) Refuse to engage in a real estate transaction with a
8 person.

9 (b) Discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions, or

1 privileges of a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of
2 facilities or services in connection with a real estate
3 transaction.

4 (c) Refuse to receive from a person or transmit to a person a
5 bona fide offer to engage in a real estate transaction.

6 (d) Refuse to negotiate for a real estate transaction with a
7 person.

8 (e) Represent to a person that real property is not available
9 for inspection, sale, rental, or lease when in fact it is so
10 available, or knowingly fail to bring a property listing to a
11 person's attention, or refuse to permit a person to inspect real
12 property, or otherwise make unavailable or deny real property to a
13 person.

14 (f) Make, print, circulate, post, mail, or otherwise cause to
15 be made or published a statement, advertisement, notice, or sign,
16 or use a form of application for a real estate transaction, or make
17 a record of inquiry in connection with a prospective real estate
18 transaction, which indicates, directly or indirectly, an intent to
19 make a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination
20 with respect to the real estate transaction.

21 (g) Offer, solicit, accept, use, or retain a listing of real
22 property with the understanding that a person may be discriminated
23 against in a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of
24 facilities or services in connection therewith.

25 (h) Discriminate against a person in the brokering or
26 appraising of real property.

27 (2) A person shall not deny a person access to, or membership

1 or participation in, a multiple listing service, real estate
2 brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility
3 relating to the business of selling or renting real property or to
4 discriminate against him or her in the terms or conditions of that
5 access, membership, or participation because of religion, race,
6 color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital
7 status.

8 (3) This section is subject to section 503.

9 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

10 (A) "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
11 1 OF 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

12 (B) "SEXUAL ASSAULT" MEANS CONDUCT DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 520A
13 TO 520G OF THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520A TO
14 750.520G.

15 (C) "STALKING" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 411H OF
16 THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.411H.