

ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 453 of 1976

***** 37.2103.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE 91 DAYS AFTER ADJOURNMENT
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37.2103.amended Definitions.

Sec. 103. As used in this act:

- (a) "Age" means chronological age except as otherwise provided by law.
- (b) "Commission" means the civil rights commission established by section 29 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.
- (c) "Commissioner" means a member of the commission.
- (d) "Department" means the department of civil rights or its employees.
- (e) "Familial status" means 1 or more individuals under the age of 18 residing with a parent or other person having custody or in the process of securing legal custody of the individual or individuals or residing with the designee of the parent or other person having or securing custody, with the written permission of the parent or other person. For purposes of this definition, "parent" includes an individual who is pregnant.
- (f) "Gender identity or expression" means having or being perceived as having a gender-related self-identity or expression whether or not associated with an individual's assigned sex at birth.
- (g) "National origin" includes the national origin of an ancestor.
- (h) "Person" means an individual, agent, association, corporation, joint apprenticeship committee, joint stock company, labor organization, legal representative, mutual company, partnership, receiver, trust, trustee in bankruptcy, unincorporated organization, this state or a political subdivision of this state or an agency of this state, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (i) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village, township, school district, or special district or authority of this state.
- (j) Discrimination because of sex includes sexual harassment. Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature under the following conditions:
 - (i) Submission to the conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.
 - (ii) Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting the individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.
 - (iii) The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, public accommodations, public services, educational, or housing environment.
- (k) "Sexual orientation" means having an orientation for heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality or having a history of such an orientation or being identified with such an orientation.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;—Am. 1980, Act 202, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1980;—Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;—Am. 1999, Act 202, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000;—Am. 2023, Act 6, Eff. (sine die).

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 202 of 1999 provides:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent in the court of appeals decision Neal v Department of Corrections, 232 Mich App 730 (1998). This legislation further expresses the original intent of the legislature that an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility is not within the purview of this act. "