

HB 457 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **457**

AN ACT relative to the occupancy of housing units.

SPONSORS: Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Bean, Belk. 6; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. A. Murray, Hills. 20; Rep. Presa, Hills. 12; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Housing

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits cities, towns, and municipalities from mandating that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 State Commission for Human Rights; Equal Housing Opportunity. Amend RSA 354-A:8 to
2 read as follows:

3 354-A:8 Equal Housing Opportunity Without Discrimination a Civil Right. The opportunity to
4 obtain housing without discrimination because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital
5 status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin is hereby recognized and
6 declared a civil right. In addition, no person shall be denied the benefit of the rights afforded by this
7 section on account of that person's sexual orientation. ***Cities, towns, and municipalities shall***
8 ***not mandate that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.***

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.