
SENATE BILL 5569

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By Senators Angel, Sheldon, Rivers, and Padden

Read first time 01/27/17. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1 AN ACT Relating to protected classes in housing; adding a new
2 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21
3 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide
8 significance and is preempted by the state. No city or town may
9 enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that
10 create additional protected classes against whom housing
11 discrimination is declared to be an unfair practice by the law
12 against discrimination. This section must not be construed as
13 prohibiting any city or town from entering into agreements with
14 private persons that create groups to protect from discrimination.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide
18 significance and is preempted by the state. No code city may enact,
19 maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that create
20 additional protected classes against whom housing discrimination is

1 declared to be an unfair practice by the law against discrimination.
2 This section must not be construed as prohibiting any code city from
3 entering into agreements with private persons that create groups to
4 protect from discrimination.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide
8 significance and is preempted by the state. No county may enact,
9 maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that create
10 additional protected classes against whom housing discrimination is
11 declared to be an unfair practice by the law against discrimination.
12 This section must not be construed as prohibiting any county from
13 entering into agreements with private persons that create groups to
14 protect from discrimination.

--- END ---