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#### HOUSE BILL 20-1332

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

### 101 CONCERNING PROHIBITIONS ON DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING BASED

102 ON SOURCE OF INCOME.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

The bill adds discrimination based on source of income as a type of unfair housing practice. "Source of income" is defined to include any source of money paid directly, indirectly, or on behalf of a person, including income from any lawful profession or from any government or private assistance, grant, or loan program.

A person is prohibited from refusing to rent, lease, show for rent

or lease, or transmit an offer to rent or lease housing based on a person's source of income. In addition, a person cannot discriminate in the terms or conditions of a rental agreement against another person based on source of income, or based upon the person's participation in a 3rd-party contract required as a condition of receiving public housing assistance. A person cannot include in any advertisement for the rent or lease of housing any limitation or preference based on source of income, or to use representations related to a person's source of income to induce another person to rent or lease property. The restrictions do not apply to a landlord with 3 or fewer rental units.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-501, amend 3 (4); and add (4.5) as follows: 4 **24-34-501.** Definitions. As used in this part 5, unless the context 5 otherwise requires: (4) "Restrictive covenant" means any specification limiting the 6 7 transfer, rental, or lease of any housing because of disability, race, creed, 8 color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, 9 national origin, or ancestry, OR LIMITING THE RENTAL OR LEASE OF ANY 10 HOUSING BECAUSE OF SOURCE OF INCOME. 11 (4.5) "SOURCE OF INCOME" MEANS ANY LAWFUL AND VERIFIABLE 12 SOURCE OF MONEY PAID DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, OR ON BEHALF OF A 13 PERSON, INCLUDING: 14 (a) INCOME DERIVED FROM ANY LAWFUL PROFESSION OR 15 OCCUPATION; AND 16 (b) INCOME OR RENTAL PAYMENTS DERIVED FROM ANY 17 GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE ASSISTANCE, GRANT, OR LOAN PROGRAM. 18 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-502, amend 19 (1)(h); and **add** (1)(l), (1)(m), (1)(n), (1)(o), (1)(p), and (1.5) as follows: 20 24-34-502. Unfair housing practices prohibited - definition. (1) It shall be an unfair housing practice and unlawful and hereby
 prohibited:

3 (h) For any person to deny another person access to or 4 membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate 5 brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility related to 6 the business of selling or renting dwellings or to discriminate against such 7 person in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or 8 participation on account of race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual 9 orientation, disability, marital status, familial status, or national origin or 10 ancestry, OR SOURCE OF INCOME;

(1) FOR ANY PERSON TO REFUSE TO RENT OR LEASE, TO REFUSE TO
SHOW HOUSING FOR RENT OR LEASE, TO REFUSE TO RECEIVE AND
TRANSMIT ANY BONA FIDE OFFER TO RENT OR LEASE, OR TO OTHERWISE
MAKE UNAVAILABLE OR DENY OR WITHHOLD FROM ANOTHER PERSON ANY
HOUSING FOR RENT OR LEASE BECAUSE OF A PERSON'S SOURCE OF INCOME;

16 FOR ANY PERSON TO DISCRIMINATE IN THE TERMS, (m)17 CONDITIONS, OR PRIVILEGES PERTAINING TO THE RENTAL OR LEASE OF ANY 18 HOUSING, OR IN THE FURNISHING OF FACILITIES OR SERVICES IN 19 CONNECTION THEREWITH, BECAUSE OF A PERSON'S SOURCE OF INCOME, 20 INCLUDING A PERSON'S RECEIPT OF PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE OR A 21 PERSON'S PARTICIPATION IN A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT REQUIRED BY A 22 PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE INITIAL 23 PAYMENT TO THE OWNER IS NOT MADE TIMELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE UNITED STATES 25 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THEN A LANDLORD 26 MAY EXERCISE ANY RIGHT OR PURSUE ANY REMEDY AVAILABLE UNDER 27 LAW;

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(n) FOR ANY PERSON TO MAKE, PRINT, OR PUBLISH OR CAUSE TO BE
 MADE, PRINTED, OR PUBLISHED ANY NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT RELATING
 TO THE RENTAL OR LEASE OF ANY HOUSING THAT INDICATES ANY
 LIMITATION, SPECIFICATION, OR DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON'S
 SOURCE OF INCOME;

6 (o) FOR ANY PERSON TO REPRESENT TO ANOTHER PERSON THAT
7 ANY HOUSING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR RENT OR LEASE WHEN THE HOUSING
8 IS IN FACT AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE
9 PERSON ON THE BASIS OF THE PERSON'S SOURCE OF INCOME; AND

(p) FOR ANY PERSON, FOR PROFIT, TO INDUCE OR ATTEMPT TO
INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO RENT ANY HOUSING BY REPRESENTATIONS
REGARDING THE ENTRY OR PROSPECTIVE ENTRY INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
OF A PERSON OR PERSONS WITH PARTICULAR SOURCES OF INCOME.

14 (1.5) SUBSECTIONS (1)(1) TO (1)(p) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY 15 TO A LANDLORD WITH THREE OR FEWER UNITS OF HOUSING FOR RENT OR 16 LEASE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5), "LANDLORD" MEANS 17 A PERSON WHO OWNS, MANAGES, LEASES, OR SUBLEASES A UNIT OF 18 HOUSING AND WHO MAKES THAT HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR RENT OR LEASE. 19 **SECTION 3.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 20 takes effect January 1, 2021; except that, if a referendum petition is filed 21 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this 22 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period 23 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, 24 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the 25 general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take

effect January 1, 2021, or on the date of the official declaration of thevote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.

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