

By: Representative Dortch

To: Ways and Means;
Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 654

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-723, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AS FORMS OF
3 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED IN CONNECTION WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
4 AND ELIGIBLE LOANS UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION ACT; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-33-723, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-33-723. No person shall be discriminated against because
10 of race, religious principles, color, sex, sexual orientation,
11 gender identity, national origin, ancestry or handicap by the
12 corporation, any qualified sponsor, any lender, or any agent or
13 employee thereof in connection with any housing development or
14 eligible loan. No person shall be discriminated against because
15 of age, nor shall any family be discriminated against because of
16 children, in admission to, or continuance of occupancy in, any
17 housing project receiving assistance under this act except for any
18 housing project constructed under a program restricting occupancy



19 to persons sixty-two (62) years of age or older and any directors
20 of their immediate households or their occupant surviving spouses.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2017.

