

By: Representatives Anderson, Clarke

To: Judiciary B; Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-723, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR
3 GENDER IDENTITY BY ANY QUALIFIED SPONSOR, ANY LENDER, OR ANY AGENT
4 OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OR
5 ELIGIBLE LOAN UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION ACT; TO AMEND
6 SECTION 97-29-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE
7 PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



21 to persons sixty-two (62) years of age or older and any directors
22 of their immediate households or their occupant surviving spouses.
23 This section shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections
24 11-62-1 through 11-62-19.

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-29-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
26 amended as follows:

27 97-29-59. Every person who shall be convicted of the
28 detestable and abominable crime against nature committed * * *
29 with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
30 Penitentiary for a term of not more than ten (10) years.

31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2018.

