

Senate File 579

H-8091

1 Amend Senate File 579, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 1, unnumbered
4 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 All cities shall, to the extent possible, protect the rights
6 of the citizens of this state secured by the Iowa civil rights
7 Act. A city or local government shall not enact any ordinance
8 or other law which is broader or has different categories of
9 unfair or discriminatory practices than those provided in
10 this chapter. Nothing in **this chapter** shall be construed as
11 indicating any of the following:

12 Sec. _____. Section 216.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
13 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

14 Sec. _____. Section 216.19, subsection 7, Code 2026, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 7. a. A local agency or local commission shall not
17 overrule, modify, or award damages contrary to a final decision
18 issued by a district court pursuant to section 17A.19 or
19 216.17.

20 b. A final decision by a referral agency shall be subject
21 to judicial review as provided in **section 216.17** in the same
22 manner and to the same extent as a final decision of the
23 agency.>

24 2. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>

25 3. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 31 and inserting:

26 <NEW SUBSECTION. 10. a. A complaint filed with a local
27 agency or local commission shall be preliminarily screened by
28 the local agency or local commission within one hundred twenty
29 days of filing.

30 b. If a complaint arises from an alleged violation of
31 a state law, rule, or regulation under the jurisdiction of
32 the Iowa office of civil rights, the local agency or local
33 commission shall cross file the complaint with the Iowa office
34 of civil rights within one hundred twenty days of the date the
35 complaint was filed with the local agency or local commission.

1 c. A complaint that is not preliminarily screened within one
2 hundred twenty days shall be administratively closed.>

3 4. Page 1, after line 33 by inserting:

4 <NEW SUBSECTION. 12. a. Beginning the effective date
5 of this Act, a complaint filed with a local agency or local
6 commission that has not been resolved within twelve months of
7 the filing date of the complaint shall be referred to the Iowa
8 office of civil rights for processing.

9 b. Any damages awarded by a local agency or local commission
10 between the effective date of this Act and July 1, 2027,
11 shall be reviewed by the Iowa office of civil rights prior to
12 enforcement.

13 Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
14 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

15 5. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An
16 Act relating to local laws implementing the Iowa civil rights
17 Act of 1965, local civil rights commissions, and local civil
18 rights agencies, and including effective date provisions.>

19 6. By renumbering as necessary.

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