

**House Study Bill 664 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to local laws implementing the Iowa civil rights
- 2 Act of 1965.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
2 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

10 Sec. 2. Section 216.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2026,  
11 is amended by striking the paragraph.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill relates to local laws implementing the Iowa civil  
16 rights Act of 1965 (civil rights Act).

17 The civil rights Act prohibits discrimination in employment,  
18 wages, public accommodations, housing, education, and credit  
19 practices based upon certain characteristics of a person.  
20 Current law requires cities, to the extent possible, to protect  
21 the rights of the citizens of this state under the civil  
22 rights Act, and provides that the civil rights Act shall not be  
23 construed as limiting a city or local government from enacting  
24 any ordinance or other law which prohibits broader or different  
25 categories of unfair or discriminatory practices. The bill  
26 strikes this limitation and instead prohibits cities and local  
27 governments from enacting any ordinance or other law which is  
28 broader or has different categories of unfair or discriminatory  
29 practices than those provided in the civil rights Act.