

House File 2541 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 664)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local laws implementing the Iowa civil
2 rights Act of 1965.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 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
6 or other law which is broader or has different categories of
7 unfair or discriminatory practices than those provided in
8 this chapter. Nothing in **this chapter** shall be construed as
9 indicating any of the following:

10 Sec. 2. Section 216.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
11 2026, 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 rights
22 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.