

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB1103

Introduced 02/08/05, by Rep. Paul D. Froehlich

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

775 ILCS 5/7-106

from Ch. 68, par. 7-106

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Authorizes the Department of Human Rights to commission a study to investigate housing discrimination in Illinois, if resources permit.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Human Rights Act is amended by changing Section 7-106 as follows:
- 6 (775 ILCS 5/7-106) (from Ch. 68, par. 7-106)
- 7 Sec. 7-106. Recruitment; Research; Public Communication)
- 8 For the purpose of promoting equal employment and housing
- 9 opportunities and eliminating unlawful discrimination, sexual
- 10 harassment in employment and sexual harassment in higher
- 11 education, the Department shall have authority to:
- 12 (A) Recruitment. Cooperate with public and private
- organizations, as well as the Department of Central Management
- 14 Services, in encouraging individuals in underrepresented
- 15 classifications to seek employment in state government.
- 16 (B) Publications; Research. Issue publications, conduct
- 17 research, and make surveys as it deems necessary.
- 18 (C) Public Hearings. Hold public hearings to obtain
- information from the general public on the effectiveness of the
- 20 state's equal employment opportunity program and the
- 21 protection against unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment
- 22 in employment and sexual harassment in higher education
- 23 afforded by this Act and to accept public recommendations
- 24 concerning changes in the program and the Act for inclusion in
- 25 its annual report.
- 26 (D) Promotion of Communication and Goodwill. Establish a
- 27 program to cooperate with civic, religious and educational
- 28 organizations in order to improve human communication and
- 29 understanding, foster equal opportunities in employment and
- housing, and promote and encourage communication, goodwill and
- 31 interfaith and interracial harmony.
- 32 (E) Study; housing discrimination. Commission a study to

- 1 <u>investigate housing discrimination in Illinois, if resources</u>
- 2 <u>permit.</u>
- 3 (Source: P.A. 85-1229; 86-1343.)