

**SB2256**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/14/2008, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

775 ILCS 5/5-101

from Ch. 68, par. 5-101

Amends provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act defining "place of public accommodation" to include a non-sectarian nursery, day care center, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate school, or other place of education in regard to the failure to enroll an individual or the denial of access to its facilities, goods, or services. Deletes language that provided that the Department of Human Rights shall not have jurisdiction over charges involving conduct of the class by the teacher or instructor or any activity within the classroom or connected with a class activity such as physical education. Effective immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Human Rights Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-101 as follows:

6 (775 ILCS 5/5-101) (from Ch. 68, par. 5-101)

7 Sec. 5-101. Definitions) The following definitions are  
8 applicable strictly in the context of this Article:

9 (A) Place of Public Accommodation. "Place of public  
10 accommodation" includes, but is not limited to:

11 (1) an inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging,  
12 except for an establishment located within a building that  
13 contains not more than 5 units for rent or hire and that is  
14 actually occupied by the proprietor of such establishment  
15 as the residence of such proprietor;

16 (2) a restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving  
17 food or drink;

18 (3) a motion picture house, theater, concert hall,  
19 stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;

20 (4) an auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or  
21 other place of public gathering;

22 (5) a bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware  
23 store, shopping center, or other sales or rental

1 establishment;

2 (6) a laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop,  
3 beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral  
4 parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer,  
5 pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a  
6 health care provider, hospital, or other service  
7 establishment;

8 (7) public conveyances on air, water, or land;

9 (8) a terminal, depot, or other station used for  
10 specified public transportation;

11 (9) a museum, library, gallery, or other place of  
12 public display or collection;

13 (10) a park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of  
14 recreation;

15 (11) a non-sectarian nursery, day care center,  
16 elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate  
17 school, or other place of education in regard to the  
18 failure to enroll an individual or the denial of access to  
19 its facilities, goods, or services, except that the  
20 Department shall not have jurisdiction over charges  
21 involving curriculum content, course content, or course  
22 offerings, ~~conduct of the class by the teacher or~~  
23 ~~instructor, or any activity within the classroom or~~  
24 ~~connected with a class activity such as physical education;~~

25 (12) a senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food  
26 bank, non-sectarian adoption agency, or other social

1 service center establishment; and

2 (13) a gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf  
3 course, or other place of exercise or recreation.

4 (B) Operator. "Operator" means any owner, lessee,  
5 proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent, or occupant of a  
6 place of public accommodation or an employee of any such person  
7 or persons.

8 (C) Public Official. "Public official" means any officer or  
9 employee of the state or any agency thereof, including state  
10 political subdivisions, municipal corporations, park  
11 districts, forest preserve districts, educational institutions  
12 and schools.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-668, eff. 10-10-07.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.