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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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RELATING TO PROPERTY - RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Walsh, Blazejewski, Cimini, and Handy

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 34-37 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Fair Housing  
2 Practices Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:  
3           **34-37-2.5. Right to equal housing opportunities. Housing status. --** [Whenever in this](#)  
4 [chapter there shall appear the word "sex" there shall be inserted immediately thereafter the words](#)  
5 ["housing status".](#)  
6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act clarifies that "housing status" is a protected class under the Rhode Island Fair
- 2   Housing Practices Act.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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