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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO PROPERTY - RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Lancia, Walsh, Lima, and Williams

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

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.**
- 4 Whenever in this chapter there shall appear the word "sex" there shall be inserted
- 5 immediately thereafter the language "housing status".
- 6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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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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