

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 270

5 By: Senator Malone  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND § 16-123-107 TO ADD  
10 DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
11 STATUS AS AN OFFENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

13 TO AMEND § 16-123-107 TO ADD  
14 DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF PUBLIC  
15 ASSISTANCE STATUS AS AN OFFENSE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-123-102(7) – (9), concerning definitions*  
22 *in the Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993, is amended to read as follows:*

23 *(7) "Place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or*  
24 *amusement" means any place, store, or other establishment, either licensed or*  
25 *unlicensed, that supplies accommodations, goods, or services to the general*  
26 *public, or that solicits or accepts the patronage or trade of the general*  
27 *public, or that is supported directly or indirectly by government funds, but*  
28 *"place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement" does not*  
29 *include:*

30 *(A) Any lodging establishment which contains not more than*  
31 *five (5) rooms for rent and which is actually occupied by the proprietor of*  
32 *such establishment as a residence; or*

33 *(B) Any private club or other establishment not in fact*  
34 *open to the public; ~~and~~*

35 *(8) "Public assistance" means assistance provided by the*  
36 *Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services to a former or current*



1 recipient of food stamps, Medicaid, or Transitional Employment Assistance, or  
2 a former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children; and

3 (9) "Religion" means all aspects of religious belief,  
4 observance, and practice.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-123-107(a), concerning discrimination  
7 offenses, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The right of an otherwise qualified person to be free from  
9 discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, gender, status  
10 with regard to public assistance, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or  
11 physical disability is recognized as and declared to be a civil right. This  
12 right shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (1) The right to obtain and hold employment without  
14 discrimination;

15 (2) The right to the full enjoyment of any of the  
16 accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges of any place of public  
17 resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement;

18 (3) The right to engage in property transactions without  
19 discrimination;

20 (4) The right to engage in credit and other contractual  
21 transactions without discrimination; and

22 (5) The right to vote and participate fully in the political  
23 process.

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25 /s/ Malone  
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