

LANDLORD AND TENANT RELATIONSHIPS (EXCERPT)
Act 348 of 1972

554.601c Prohibition on the distinction, discrimination, or restriction based on source of income of tenant.

Sec. 1c.

(1) A landlord shall not, based on the source of income of an otherwise eligible prospective or current tenant, do any of the following:

(a) Deny or terminate a tenancy to the prospective or current tenant.

(b) Make any distinction, discrimination, or restriction against the prospective or current tenant in the price, terms, conditions, fees, or privileges relating to the rental, lease, or occupancy of a rental unit or in the furnishing of any facilities or services in connection with the rental, lease, or occupancy of the rental unit.

(c) Otherwise make unavailable or deny any rental unit to the prospective or current tenant if the prospective or current tenant would be eligible to rent the rental unit but for the individual's source of income.

(d) Represent to the prospective tenant that a rental unit is not available for inspection, rental, or lease when in fact it is so available, or knowingly fail to bring a rental listing to the prospective tenant's attention, or refuse to permit the prospective tenant to inspect a rental unit.

(e) Make any distinction, discrimination, or restriction against the prospective or current tenant in the price, terms, conditions, fees, or privileges relating to the rental, lease, or occupancy of any rental unit on the basis of the prospective or current tenant's use of emergency rental assistance.

(f) If the landlord requires a prospective or current tenant to have a certain threshold level of income, exclude any source of income in the form of a rent voucher or subsidy when calculating whether the income criteria have been met. This subdivision does not apply to emergency rental assistance.

(g) Attempt to discourage the rental or lease of any rental unit to the prospective or current tenant.

(h) Publish, circulate, display, or cause to be published, circulated, or displayed any communication, notice, advertisement, or sign of any kind relating to the rental or lease of any rental unit that indicates a preference, limitation, or requirement based on any source of income.

(i) Assist, induce, incite, or coerce another person to commit an act or engage in a practice that violates this subsection.

(j) Coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of the person having exercised or enjoyed or having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected under this subsection.

(2) This section does not apply to a person if the person, including all related entities to that person, is a landlord of fewer than 5 rental units in this state. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, or any other legal entity.

(b) "Related entity" means a person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

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