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SENATE BILL NO. 267

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BECK.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 213.010, 213.030, 213.055, and 213.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to unlawful discrimination practices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 213.010, 213.030, 213.055, and

- 2 213.070, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in
- 3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 213.010, 213.030, 213.055,
- 4 and 213.070, to read as follows:

213.010. As used in this chapter, the following terms

- 2 shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Age", an age of forty or more years but less than
- 4 seventy years, except that it shall not be an unlawful
- 5 employment practice for an employer to require the
- 6 compulsory retirement of any person who has attained the age
- 7 of sixty-five and who, for the two-year period immediately
- 8 before retirement, is employed in a bona fide executive or
- 9 high policy-making position, if such person is entitled to
- 10 an immediate nonforfeitable annual retirement benefit from a
- 11 pension, profit sharing, savings or deferred compensation
- 12 plan, or any combination of such plans, of the employer,
- 13 which equals, in the aggregate, at least forty-four thousand
- 14 dollars;
- 15 (2) "Because" or "because of", as it relates to the
- 16 adverse decision or action, the protected criterion was the
- 17 motivating factor;

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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18 (3) "Commission", the Missouri commission on human 19 rights;

- 20 (4) "Complainant", a person who has filed a complaint
- 21 with the commission alleging that another person has engaged
- 22 in a prohibited discriminatory practice;
- 23 (5) "Disability", a physical or mental impairment
- 24 which substantially limits one or more of a person's major
- 25 life activities, being regarded as having such an
- 26 impairment, or a record of having such an impairment, which
- 27 with or without reasonable accommodation does not interfere
- 28 with performing the job, utilizing the place of public
- 29 accommodation, or occupying the dwelling in question. For
- 30 purposes of this chapter, the term "disability" does not
- 31 include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled
- 32 substance as such term is defined by section 195.010;
- 33 however, a person may be considered to have a disability if
- 34 that person:
- 35 (a) Has successfully completed a supervised drug
- 36 rehabilitation program and is no longer engaging in the
- 37 illegal use of, and is not currently addicted to, a
- 38 controlled substance or has otherwise been rehabilitated
- 39 successfully and is no longer engaging in such use and is
- 40 not currently addicted;
- 41 (b) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation
- 42 program and is no longer engaging in illegal use of
- 43 controlled substances; or
- 44 (c) Is erroneously regarded as currently illegally
- 45 using, or being addicted to, a controlled substance;
- 46 (6) "Discrimination", conduct proscribed herein, taken
- 47 because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry,
- 48 sex, [or] age as it relates to employment, disability, [or]
- 49 familial status as it relates to housing, or pregnancy,

50 childbirth, or any medical condition related to pregnancy or 51 childbirth, as such terms relate to employment;

- 52 (7) "Dwelling", any building, structure or portion 53 thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for 54 occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any 55 vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the 56 construction or location thereon of any such building, 57 structure or portion thereof;
- 58 "Employer", a person engaged in an industry (8) 59 affecting commerce who has six or more employees for each working day in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the 60 current or preceding calendar year, and shall include the 61 62 state, or any political or civil subdivision thereof, or any person employing six or more persons within the state but 63 does not include corporations and associations owned or 64 operated by religious or sectarian organizations. 65
- 66 "Employer" shall not include:
- 67 (a) The United States;
- 68 (b) A corporation wholly owned by the government of 69 the United States;
- 70 (c) An individual employed by an employer;
- 71 (d) An Indian tribe;
- 72 (e) Any department or agency of the District of
 73 Columbia subject by statute to procedures of the competitive
 74 service, as defined in 5 U.S.C. Section 2101; or
- 75 (f) A bona fide private membership club, other than a 76 labor organization, that is exempt from taxation under 26 77 U.S.C. Section 501(c);
- 78 (9) "Employment agency" includes any person or agency,
 79 public or private, regularly undertaking with or without
 80 compensation to procure employees for an employer or to
 81 procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer;

82 (10) "Executive director", the executive director of 83 the Missouri commission on human rights;

- 84 (11) "Familial status", one or more individuals who
- 85 have not attained the age of eighteen years being domiciled
- 86 with:
- 87 (a) A parent or another person having legal custody of 88 such individual; or
- 89 (b) The designee of such parent or other person having90 such custody, with the written permission of such parent or
- 91 other person. The protections afforded against
- 92 discrimination because of familial status shall apply to any
- 93 person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing
- 94 legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age
- 95 of eighteen years;
- 96 (12) "Human rights fund", a fund established to
- 97 receive civil penalties as required by federal regulations
- 98 and as set forth by subdivision (2) of subsection 11 of
- 99 section 213.075, and which will be disbursed to offset
- 100 additional expenses related to compliance with the
- 101 Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations;
- 102 (13) "Labor organization" includes any organization
- 103 which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
- 104 collective bargaining or of dealing with employers
- 105 concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
- 106 for other mutual aid or protection in relation to employment;
- 107 (14) "Local commissions", any commission or agency
- 108 established prior to August 13, 1986, by an ordinance or
- 109 order adopted by the governing body of any city,
- 110 constitutional charter city, town, village, or county;
- 111 (15) "Person" includes one or more individuals,
- 112 corporations, partnerships, associations, organizations,
- 113 labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual

114 companies, joint stock companies, trusts, trustees, trustees

- in bankruptcy, receivers, fiduciaries, or other organized
- 116 groups of persons;
- 117 (16) "Places of public accommodation", all places or
- 118 businesses offering or holding out to the general public,
- 119 goods, services, privileges, facilities, advantages or
- 120 accommodations for the peace, comfort, health, welfare and
- 121 safety of the general public or such public places providing
- 122 food, shelter, recreation and amusement, including, but not
- 123 limited to:
- 124 (a) Any inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment
- which provides lodging to transient guests, other than an
- 126 establishment located within a building which contains not
- 127 more than five rooms for rent or hire and which is actually
- 128 occupied by the proprietor of such establishment as his
- 129 residence;
- 130 (b) Any restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch
- 131 counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally
- 132 engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises,
- including, but not limited to, any such facility located on
- 134 the premises of any retail establishment;
- 135 (c) Any gasoline station, including all facilities
- 136 located on the premises of such gasoline station and made
- available to the patrons thereof;
- 138 (d) Any motion picture house, theater, concert hall,
- 139 sports arena, stadium, or other place of exhibition or
- 140 entertainment;
- (e) Any public facility owned, operated, or managed by
- 142 or on behalf of this state or any agency or subdivision
- 143 thereof, or any public corporation; and any such facility
- 144 supported in whole or in part by public funds;

- (f) Any establishment which is physically located
- 146 within the premises of any establishment otherwise covered
- 147 by this section or within the premises of which is
- 148 physically located any such covered establishment, and which
- 149 holds itself out as serving patrons of such covered
- 150 establishment;
- 151 (17) "Rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let and
- otherwise to grant for consideration the right to occupy
- 153 premises not owned by the occupant;
- 154 (18) "Respondent", a person who is alleged to have
- 155 engaged in a prohibited discriminatory practice in a
- 156 complaint filed with the commission;
- 157 (19) "The motivating factor", the employee's protected
- 158 classification actually played a role in the adverse action
- or decision and had a determinative influence on the adverse
- 160 decision or action;
- 161 (20) "Unlawful discriminatory practice", any act that
- is unlawful under this chapter.
 - 213.030. 1. The powers and duties of the commission
 - 2 shall be:
 - 3 (1) To seek to eliminate and prevent discrimination
 - 4 because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry,
 - 5 sex, age as it relates to employment, disability, [or]
 - 6 familial status as it relates to housing, or pregnancy,
 - 7 childbirth, or any medical condition related to pregnancy or
 - 8 childbirth, as such terms relate to employment, and to take
 - 9 other actions against discrimination because of race, color,
 - 10 religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability,
 - 11 [or] familial status, or pregnancy, childbirth, or any
 - 12 medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, as
 - 13 provided by law; and the commission is hereby given general
 - 14 jurisdiction and power for such purposes;

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- 15 (2) To implement the purposes of this chapter first by 16 conference, conciliation and persuasion so that persons may 17 be guaranteed their civil rights and goodwill be fostered;
- 18 (3) To formulate policies to implement the purposes of 19 this chapter and to make recommendations to agencies and 20 officers of the state and political subdivisions in aid of 21 such policies and purposes;
- 22 (4) To appoint such employees as it may deem
 23 necessary, fix their compensation within the appropriations
 24 provided and in accordance with the wage structure
 25 established for other state agencies, and prescribe their
 26 duties;
- 27 (5) To obtain upon request and utilize the services of 28 all governmental departments and agencies to be paid from 29 appropriations to this commission;
- 30 (6) To adopt, promulgate, amend, and rescind suitable 31 rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this 32 chapter and the policies and practices of the commission in 33 connection therewith;
 - (7) To receive, investigate, initiate, and pass upon complaints alleging discrimination in employment, housing or in places of public accommodations because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age as it relates to employment, disability, [or] familial status as it relates to housing, or pregnancy, childbirth, or any medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, as such terms relate to employment, and to require the production for examination of any books, papers, records, or other materials relating to any matter under investigation;
 - (8) To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, to take the testimony of any person under oath, and, in connection therewith, to require

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47 the production for examination of any books, papers or other

- 48 materials relating to any matter under investigation or in
- 49 question before the commission;
- 50 (9) To issue publications and the results of studies
- 51 and research which will tend to promote goodwill and
- 52 minimize or eliminate discrimination in housing, employment
- or in places of public accommodation because of race, color,
- 54 religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age as it relates
- 55 to employment, disability, [or] familial status as it
- 56 relates to housing, or pregnancy, childbirth, or any medical
- 57 condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, as such terms
- 58 relate to employment;
- 59 (10) To provide each year to the governor and to the
- 60 general assembly a full written report of all its activities
- 61 and of its recommendations;
- 62 (11) To adopt an official seal;
- 63 (12) To cooperate, act jointly, enter into cooperative
- or work-sharing agreements with the United States Equal
- 65 Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States
- 66 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other
- 67 federal agencies and local commissions or agencies to
- 68 achieve the purposes of this chapter;
- 69 (13) To accept grants, private gifts, bequests, and
- 70 establish funds to dispose of such moneys so long as the
- 71 conditions of the grant, gift, or bequest are not
- 72 inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter and are used
- 73 to achieve the purposes of this chapter;
- 74 (14) To establish a human rights fund as defined in
- 75 section 213.010, for the purposes of administering sections
- 76 213.040, 213.045, 213.050, 213.070, 213.075, and 213.076.
- 77 2. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the
- 78 authority of this chapter shall become effective unless it

has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

213.055. 1. It shall be an unlawful employment practice:

- 7 (a) To fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any
 8 individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any
 9 individual with respect to his or her compensation, terms,
 10 conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such
 11 individual's race, color, religion, national origin, sex,
 12 ancestry, age [or], disability, pregnancy, childbirth, or
 13 medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth;
- 14 (b) To limit, segregate, or classify his employees or 15 his employment applicants in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities 16 17 or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, national 18 origin, sex, ancestry, age [or], disability, pregnancy, 19 20 childbirth, or medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth; 21
- 22 (2) For a labor organization to exclude or to expel from its membership any individual or to discriminate in any 23 24 way against any of its members or against any employer or 25 any individual employed by an employer because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or 26 disability of any individual; or to limit, segregate, or 27 classify its membership, or to classify or fail or refuse to 28 refer for employment any individual, in any way which would 29 deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment 30

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    committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or
    retraining, including on-the-job training programs to
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- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to apply different standards of compensation, or different terms, conditions or privileges of employment pursuant to a bona fide seniority or merit system, or a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production or to employees who work in different locations, provided that such differences or such systems are not the result of an intention or a design to discriminate, and are not used to discriminate, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age [or], disability, pregnancy, childbirth, or any medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, nor shall it be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to give and to act upon the results of any professionally developed ability test, provided that such test, its administration, or action upon the results thereof, is not designed, intended or used to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age [or], disability, pregnancy, childbirth, or any medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth.
- 87 3. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be 88 interpreted to require any employer, employment agency, 89 labor organization, or joint labor-management committee subject to this chapter to grant preferential treatment to 90 any individual or to any group because of the race, color, 91 92 religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age [or], 93 disability, pregnancy, childbirth, or medical condition 94 related to pregnancy or childbirth, of such individual or

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          4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
     chapter, it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for
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     the state or any political subdivision of the state to
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     comply with the provisions of 29 U.S.C. Section 623 relating
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     to employment as firefighters or law enforcement officers.
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     practice prohibited by this chapter or because such person
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- in any manner in any investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted pursuant to this chapter;
- 13 (3) For the state or any political subdivision of this
- 14 state to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion,
- 15 national origin, sex, ancestry, age, as it relates to
- 16 employment, disability, [or] familial status as it relates
- 17 to housing, or pregnancy, childbirth, or any medical
- 18 condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, as such terms
- 19 relate to employment; or
- 20 (4) To discriminate in any manner against any other
- 21 person because of such person's association with any person
- 22 protected by this chapter.
- 23 2. This chapter, in addition to chapter 285 and
- 24 chapter 287, shall provide the exclusive remedy for any and
- 25 all claims for injury or damages arising out of an
- 26 employment relationship.