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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Discrimination prohibition-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending the
2 classes for which discrimination is prohibited; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-9-102(a) is amended to read:

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9 **6-9-102. Discrimination prohibited; penalties.**

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11 (a) No person shall be denied the right to life,
12 liberty, pursuit of happiness or the necessities of life

1 because of race, color, sex, creed, religion or national
2 origin.

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6 STAFF COMMENT

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8 The Committee may wish to consider whether "creed" means
9 "religion" to where the inclusion of "religion" is
10 unnecessary. Alternatively, the Committee may wish to
11 consider whether the term "religion" or "religious creed"
12 should replace "creed."

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14 In light of Committee discussion at its previous meeting,
15 the Committee may wish to consider whether "disability"
16 should be included in W.S. 6-9-102(a) given the federal
17 Americans with Disabilities Act prohibition on
18 discrimination on account of disability. See 42 U.S.C. §
19 12112(a) (prohibiting discrimination in employment on the
20 basis of disability); 42 U.S.C. § 12132 (prohibiting
21 discrimination in public programs or activities "by reason
22 of such disability").

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24 Finally, for reference, W.S. 6-9-102(b) is included here:

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26 (b) A person who violates this section commits a
27 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than
28 six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
29 dollars (\$750.00), or both.

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34 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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36 (END)