



1 of each other if the lessor or a member of his family resides in one of  
2 those accommodations.

3 (2) The rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation by an  
4 individual if he or a member of his family resides there.

5 (3) With respect to discrimination based on sex, the rental or leasing of  
6 housing accommodations in single-sex dormitory property.

7 (4) With respect to discrimination based on religion to housing  
8 accommodations owned and operated for other than a commercial  
9 purpose by a religious organization, association, or society, or any  
10 nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised, or controlled  
11 by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association, or  
12 society, the sale, rental, or occupancy of the housing accommodation  
13 being limited or preference being given to persons of the same  
14 religion, unless membership in the religion is restricted because of  
15 race, color, national origin, or sex.

16 (5) Any person, otherwise subject to its provisions, who adopts and carries  
17 out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices  
18 or to assure equal opportunity in real estate transactions, if the plan is  
19 part of a conciliation agreement entered into by that person under the  
20 provisions of the ordinance.

21 (d) A municipality may create or designate a committee to assume the duty and  
22 responsibility of enforcing ordinances adopted pursuant to this section. The committee  
23 may be granted any authority deemed necessary by the city council for the proper  
24 enforcement of any fair housing ordinance, including the power to:

25 (1) Promulgate rules for the receipt, initiation, investigation, and  
26 conciliation of complaints of violations of the ordinance.

27 (2) Require answers to interrogatories, the production of documents and  
28 things, and the entry upon land and premises in the possession of a  
29 party to a complaint alleging a violation of the ordinance; compel the  
30 attendance of witnesses at hearings; administer oaths; and examine  
31 witnesses under oath or affirmation.

32 (3) Apply to the Superior Court Division of the General Court of Justice,  
33 upon the failure of any person to respond to or comply with a lawful  
34 interrogatory, request for production of documents and things, request  
35 to enter upon land and premises, or subpoena, for an order requiring  
36 the person to respond or comply.

37 (4) Upon finding reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the  
38 ordinance has occurred, to petition the Superior Court Division of the  
39 General Court of Justice for appropriate civil relief on behalf of the  
40 aggrieved person or persons.

41 (e) A municipality may provide that neither complaints filed with any committee  
42 pursuant to the ordinance nor the results of the committee's investigations, discovery, or  
43 attempts at conciliation, in whatever form prepared and preserved, shall be subject to

1 inspection, examination, or copying under the provisions of what is now Chapter 132 of  
2 the General Statutes.

3 (f) A municipality may provide that the statutory provisions relating to meetings  
4 of governmental bodies, presently embodied in Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the  
5 General Statutes, shall not apply to the activity of any committee authorized to enforce  
6 the ordinance to the extent that the committee is receiving a complaint or conducting an  
7 investigation, discovery, or conciliation pertaining to a complaint filed pursuant to the  
8 ordinance."

9 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to municipalities that have a permanent  
10 population of 90,000 according to the most recent decennial census, and that are the  
11 location of a recurring special accommodation event requiring temporary  
12 accommodations for at least 50,000 people. For purposes of this act, the term "recurring  
13 special accommodation event" means a trade show or other event of less than 11 days  
14 duration that has been held in the municipality at least once a year for at least 10 years.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.