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HOUSE BILL 721*
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Short Title: Carrboro/Housing Discrimination.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 23, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO ALLOW THE
3 TOWN TO ADOPT ORDINANCES PROHIBITING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ON
4 THE BASIS OF FAMILIAL STATUS AND HANDICAP.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 10-1 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter
7 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

8 "Section 10-1. **Housing Discrimination.** The board of aldermen may adopt ordinances
9 designed to ensure that all housing opportunities in the Town of Carrboro shall be equally
10 available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, ~~sex or sex~~, national ~~origin~~-origin,
11 familial status, or handicap. Such ordinances may regulate or prohibit any act, practice, activity
12 or procedure related directly or indirectly to the sale or rental of public or private housing that
13 affects or may tend to affect the availability or desirability of housing on an equal basis to all
14 persons, without regard to race, color, religion, ~~sex or sex~~, national ~~origin~~-origin, familial status,
15 or handicap. However, ordinances adopted pursuant to the authority contained in this act shall
16 not apply to the rental of rooms or units in dwellings containing living quarters occupied or
17 intended to be occupied by no more than four families living independently of each other, if the
18 owner actually maintains and occupies one of such living quarters as his residence. Any
19 ordinance passed pursuant to this authorization may be enforced by any method authorized for
20 enforcement of ordinances generally in G.S. 160A-175. In addition, any ordinance adopted
21 pursuant to this authorization may provide that any person aggrieved by any act, practice,
22 activity or procedure prohibited by such ordinance may seek equitable relief in the appropriate
23 division of the General Court of Justice."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

