



Senate Bill 531 – Discrimination – Definition of Race – Hair Texture and Hairstyles

Position: Support

Maryland REALTORS® support SB 531 which adds clarification to the definition of race as a protected class.

SB 531 make clears that “race” is inclusive of protected hairstyles and other traits historically associated with race. Recent events have made clear that there is confusion over whether such traits fall under the protected class of race.

Given the confusion, it is important that all parties have clarity so that individual’s rights in housing, employment and daily life are respected.

For these reasons, the REALTORS® recommend a favorable report.

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