

discriminates; or for any person to honor or exercise, or attempt to honor or exercise any discriminatory covenant pertaining to housing.

[[23.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any bank, savings and loan institution, credit union, insurance company, or other person regularly engaged in the business of making mortgages or other loans for the purchase, construction, improvement, or repair or maintenance of dwellings to deny such a loan to a person applying therefor, or discriminate against him in the fixing of the down payment, interest rate, duration, or other terms or conditions of such a loan, because of the race, color, religious creed, marital status, sex,]] [or] [[national origin OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAP of such person, or of any member, stockholder, director, officer, or employee of such person, or of the prospective occupants, lessees, or tenants, of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which the application for a loan is made.]]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

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CHAPTER 602

(Senate Bill 226)

AN ACT concerning

Sick Leave for State Employees and Retirement System Members

FOR the purpose of changing the amount of annual sick leave allowed to State employees, removing limitations of accumulation of sick leave, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Personnel to advance a certain number of days of sick leave under certain circumstances, providing for conversion of unused sick leave days upon retirement for certain State Employees, State Police and Teacher Retirement Systems' members, subject to certain limitations, and providing for the effect of this Act on accumulated sick leave upon the effective date of this Act, providing that the conversion of unused sick leave shall apply to certain State employees who came under the