

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB1214, 2nd Eng.
SPONSOR: Appropriations Committee and Senators Villalobos, Miller and others
SUBJECT: Florida Civil Rights Act
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Judiciary
DATE: May 2, 2003

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1- 277493 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 -515193 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 amends laws relating to state, municipal and county employment discrimination policies, to add that pregnancy, childbirth, or related medication conditions are inclusive in the class of activities that subject may not be the basis for sex discrimination with a clarification that these amendments do not obligate an employer to pay for health insurance benefits for abortions except when the mother's life is endangered or there are medical complications.

House Amendment 2 creates the Dr. Marvin Davies Florida Civil Rights Act and strikes the contents of SB 1214 by replacing it with provisions that amend the Florida Civil Rights Act to authorize the Attorney General to prosecute patterns or practice of discrimination or discrimination of general public importance and to prohibit discrimination in public places such as lodgings, restaurants, and entertainment facilities based on race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, or religion.