

Senator Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

House Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to places of public accommodation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- clarifies the scope of state law governing places of public accommodation.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

13-7-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 130

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **13-7-3** is amended to read:

13-7-3. Equal right in business establishments, places of public accommodation, and enterprises regulated by the state.

(1) All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal and are entitled to



26 full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, goods and services in all
27 business establishments and in all places of public accommodation, and by all enterprises
28 regulated by the state of every kind whatsoever, without discrimination on the basis of race,
29 color, sex, pregnancy, religion, ancestry or national origin.

30 (2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to deny any person the right to regulate the
31 operation of a business establishment or place of public accommodation or an enterprise
32 regulated by the state in a manner which applies uniformly to all persons without regard to
33 race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, ancestry, or national origin; or to deny any religious
34 organization the right to regulate the operation and procedures of its establishments.

35 (3) Nothing in this act regulates business website accessibility.

36 Section 2. **Effective date.**

37 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.