



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 240

April 3, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives DOBYNS, URBAN, MUSSER, SCHAFER, FREESE, GOETSCH, GUNDERSON, LORGE, HAHN, AINSWORTH, F. LASEE, BRANDEMUEHL, ZUKOWSKI, ALBERS, WILLIAMS, SKINDRUD, HANDRICK, LAZICH, WASSERMAN and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators BUETTNER, WELCH, SCHULTZ, FARROW, ZIEN and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

1     **AN ACT to create** 106.04 (5m) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** providing an  
2           exception to the open housing law to permit a person to offer a discount or other  
3           reduction in price for the lease or rental of housing to a person 55 years of age  
4           or over.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under the current open housing law, it is unlawful to discriminate against members of certain protected classes in the lease or rental of housing. Currently, one of the bases on which it is unlawful to discriminate in housing is age and one of the discriminatory practices that is expressly prohibited is the practice of exacting a different price for the lease or rental of housing. This bill permits a person, notwithstanding the open housing law, to offer a discount or other reduction in price for the lease or rental of housing to a person 55 years of age or over.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

5           **SECTION 1.** 106.04 (5m) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

