
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2137 Session of
1976

INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE,
FEBRUARY 17, 1976

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting ordinances concerning the use of land for single
2 family dwellings which discriminate between the children
3 dwelling therein.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. (a) A municipality shall not adopt a planning or
7 zoning ordinance governing the use of land for single family
8 dwellings which shall, by its provisions or by any rule or
9 regulation adopted in accordance therewith, discriminate between
10 children who are members of families dwelling therein by reason
11 of their relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, or as
12 foster children placed with families in such dwellings, or as
13 children placed pursuant to law with families in single family
14 dwellings known as group homes.

15 (b) As used in this act "foster home" includes private
16 residences, group homes and institutions wherein a child in the
17 care, custody or guardianship of an institution district may be
18 placed for care, and a private residence maintained by persons

1 with whom any such child is placed for adoption.

2 (c) As used in this act the term "group home" includes a
3 single family dwelling used in the placement of children
4 pursuant to law recognized as a group home by the Department of
5 Public Welfare. No group home shall contain more than 12
6 children.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.