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**PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

House Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

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**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

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

(2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to deny any person the right to regulate the operation of a business establishment or place of public accommodation or an enterprise regulated by the state in a manner which applies uniformly to all persons without regard

29 to race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, ancestry, or national origin; or to deny any  
30 religious organization the right to regulate the operation and procedures of its  
31 establishments.

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

33 Section 2. **Effective date.**

34 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.