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H 1214. NO DISCRIMINATION IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS. TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO DISCRIMINATE IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS AND TO CLARIFY THE POLICY OF THE STATE ON DOING BUSINESS WITH PERSONS FOUND TO DISCRIMINATE. Amends GS 75B-1 to add a definition of "commercial customer" as a business entity that procures or attempts to procure goods or services, including construction, real estate development, financial, insurance, professional and other services, from persons for business as opposed to personal use. Amends GS 75B-2 to make it unlawful for any person doing business in the state or for any state agency, institution or political subdivision to enter into agreements that would result in discrimination based on race, gender, religion, origin, age, physical disability, or foreign trade relationships (deletes creed, color, and sex). Adds new GS 75B-2(b) to provide that it is unlawful for any person doing business in the state to discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, age or physical disability, or on the basis of any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics against a vendor, supplier, subcontractor, or commercial customer by any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of the person. Amends GS 143-135.5(b) to include state agencies, institutions, and political subdivisions within the scope of that statute's expression of policy of not engaging in business with any entity that has been found to have discriminated within the last two years.

Intro. by Cunningham.

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