

March 20, 2003

**H 561. AMEND CHARLOTTE CHARTER. AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO ADOPT A COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY.** Amends Charlotte charter to authorize the city to establish a policy that the city will not purchase goods or services from businesses that discriminate against vendors, suppliers, subcontractors, or commercial customers. Definition of discrimination may include acts based on race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, or disability. Authorizes the city to consider when awarding contracts a business's efforts to comply with the policy, to refuse to award a contract to a business that fails to comply with the policy, and to disqualify a business that violates the policy from bidding on or participating in city contracts for up to two years.

**Intro. by Alexander, Carney.**

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