

SIZE-RELATED LEGISLATION

NAAFA'S OFFICIAL POSITION:

Because existing local, state, and federal statutes do not provide fat people with adequate protection from discrimination, the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance demands the inclusion of "height and weight" as a protected category in existing civil rights statutes and the enactment of additional laws as necessary to ensure protection against size discrimination in employment, education, housing, and public accommodations.

NAAFA ADVOCATES:

- That "height and weight" be included as a protected category in existing local, state, and federal civil rights statutes.
- The introduction, passage, and enactment of additional local, state, and federal laws to ensure protection against size discrimination in employment, education, housing, public accommodations, adoption and child custody.
- That employers and others comply with statutory law.
- That organizations fighting other forms of discrimination actively support anti-size discrimination legislation.
- That individuals, companies, and organizations within the size acceptance movement actively support anti-size discrimination legislation.
- That local, state and federal elected representatives take public positions in support of anti-size discrimination legislation.
- That fat people and their allies educate their local, state, and federal elected representatives about size discrimination.
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- That fat people and their allies support candidates for office based in part on the candidates' position on anti-size discrimination legislation.
- That victims of size discrimination seek redress through negotiation, public education, and legal channels.

NAAFA RESOLVES TO:

- Actively support local, state, and federal anti-size discrimination legislation by providing background material, writing letters of support, testifying, and/or engaging in public actions to the extent allowable by law.
- Educate elected representatives about size discrimination.
- Develop and implement a governmental relations program which involves mobilizing NAAFA chapters and members to pursue anti-size discrimination legislation in their cities, counties, and states.
- Report on legislative developments in the NAAFA Newsletter, brochures, letters, e-mail, press releases and on the web site.

