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## CONNECTICUT CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS SUMMARY

- 1818—**STATE CONSTITUTION.** All men are declared equal in rights. Freedom of speech, press, religion and assembly are guaranteed. Right of trial by jury and protection against arbitrary power are included. (Article first and article seventh.)
- 1868—**PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** The state law requiring public schools to be maintained forbids discrimination on account of race or color. (Section 1349, General Statutes.)
- 1876—**VOTING.** The State Constitution is amended to erase the requirement that voters be white. (Twenty-third amendment.)
- 1884—**DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS.** Depriving anyone of his constitutional or legal rights because of alienage, color or race is punishable by fine and imprisonment. (Section 8374, General Statutes.)
- 1887—**LIFE INSURANCE.** Discrimination between white persons and colored persons of the same age, sex, general condition of health and hope of longevity is forbidden. Companies are required to furnish affidavits to colored applicants who are refused, stating that refusal is not because of color. (Sections 6140-6142, General Statutes.)
- 1905—**PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.** (Amended 1933, 1941, 1949.) Fine and imprisonment provided for anyone denying full and equal accommodations because of race, creed or color in hotels, restaurants, transit facilities or amusement places. (Section 691a, 1949 Supplement to the General Statutes.)
- 1917—**RIDICULE.** Fine and imprisonment provided for anyone who "by his advertisement" ridicules or holds up to contempt any person or persons because of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race. (Section 8376, General Statutes.)

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1936—STATE SERVICE. Discrimination because of color or because of political or religious affiliations is forbidden in state employment. (Section 374, General Statutes.)

1943—INTER-RACIAL COMMISSION. Commission is created of 10 members appointed by the Governor to serve without pay, to investigate employment opportunities, violations of civil liberties and other related matters. (Section 7400, General Statutes.)

1947—FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. Employers, employment agencies and labor organizations are forbidden to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin or ancestry; law to be administered by Inter-racial Commission. (Sections 7401-7407, General Statutes.)

1949—MILITARY SERVICE. Discrimination and segregation because of race, creed or color is forbidden in the national guard, organized militia and naval militia. (Section 155a, 1949 Supplement to the General Statutes.)

1949—HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. Public housing projects are included under the public accommodations statute; the Inter-racial Commission may adjust complaints of public accommodations violations in the same manner as fair employment complaints.

The complete text of any of these laws is available without charge from the —

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