Hate Crime Laws

No updates required since January 14, 2020

Alabama
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See AL Code 13A-5-13

Alaska
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See AS 12.55.155

Arizona
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender, but does not explicitly include gender identity/expression
- See ARS 13-701 and ARS 41-1750

Arkansas
- State lacks a hate crime law

California
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender, gender identity, and gender expression
- See CA Penal Code 422.55 and CA Penal Code 422.56

Colorado
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and transgender status (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See HB 05-1014 (2005)

Connecticut
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See CT Penal Code 53a-181j-l

Delaware
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See 75 Del. Laws, c. 271, 1304

District of Columbia
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See DC Code 22-3701
Florida
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See Fla. Stat. Ann. 75.085

Georgia
  • Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
  • See O.C.G.A 17-10-17

Hawaii
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression

Idaho
  • Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
  • See Idaho Statutes 18-7902

Illinois
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation and “gender-related identity”
  • See 720 Ill. Comp. Laws Ann. 5/12-7.1

Indiana
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See S.B 198 (2019)

Iowa
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See Iowa Code 729.A

Kansas
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See Kansas Code 41-4716

Kentucky
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See KY Statutes 532.031

Louisiana
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender but not gender identity or expression
  • See RS 14:107.2
Maine
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See 5 MRS 4684-A (1989 hate crimes law created; 1993 sexual orientation enumerated) and 5 MRS 4553(9-C) for definition (2005 expanded to include gender identity)

Maryland
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and “gender-related identity” (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See MD Code 10-301 and 10-304

Massachusetts
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity

Michigan
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See MCL 750.147b

Minnesota
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See MN Statutes 609.2231 and 363A.03

Mississippi
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See MS Code 99-19-301

Missouri
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See MO Rev Statutes 557.035 and 556.061

Montana
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See MCA 45-5-221

Nebraska
- Law enumerates sexual orientation
- See Nebraska Revised Statutes 28-110
Nevada
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See NRS 193.1675

New Hampshire
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See RSA 651:6 and HB608 (2019)

New Jersey
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See NJ Rev Stat 2C:16-1

New Mexico
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See NM Statutes 31-18B-3

New York
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See NY Penal Code 240.30 and A00747 (2019)

North Carolina
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See NC Statute 14-3

North Dakota
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See ND Code 12.4-14

Ohio
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See OH Revised Code 2927.12

Oklahoma
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See OK Statute 21-850

Oregon
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity (included in definition of sexual orientation)
- See ORS 166.155 and SB 2 (2007)
Pennsylvania
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See [PA 2710](#)

Rhode Island
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See [RI Gen. Laws 12-19-38](#) and [SB 2488 (2012)](#)

South Carolina
- State lacks a hate crime law

South Dakota
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See [SD Codified Laws 22-19B-1](#)

Tennessee
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender, which state attorney general currently interprets to apply to transgender people
- See [HB989 (2000; sexual orientation)](#) and [Opinion No. 19-01 (2019; gender identity)](#)

Texas
- Law enumerates sexual preference
- See [Tex. Code of Criminal Procedure 42.014](#)

Utah
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [S.B. 103 (2019)](#)

Vermont
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See [13 V.S.A 1455](#)

Virginia
- Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
- See [VA Code Ann. 18.2-57](#)

Washington
- Law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity and expression
- See [RCW 9A.36.070](#) and [49.60.040](#)
West Virginia
  • Existing hate crime law does not enumerate sexual orientation or gender identity
  • See WV Code Ann. 61-6-21

Wisconsin
  • Law enumerates sexual orientation
  • See WI State 939.645

Wyoming
  • State lacks a hate crime law

U.S. Territories
All five U.S. territories are covered by federal hate crime law, which explicitly enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity. Only Puerto Rico and Guam were found to have passed hate crime laws inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.

American Samoa
  • Lacks a hate crime statute.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  • Lacks a hate crime statute.

Guam
  • Lacks a hate crime statute.

Puerto Rico

U.S. Virgin Islands
  • The Hate-Motivated Crimes Act (2014) enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.

MAP relied, in part, on “State Statutes Governing Hate Crimes” by Alison M. Smith and Cassandra L. Foley, Congressional Research Service, September 2010.