State Housing Nondiscrimination Laws

No updates required since April 30, 2021

Alabama
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Alaska
- State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Alaska State Commission for Human Rights (2020), including agency social media posts

Arizona
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Arkansas
- State has law preventing passage or enforcement of local nondiscrimination laws

California
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Cal. Gov. Code §§ 12955-12956.2, amended to include sexual orientation in 1999 (AB 1001) and gender identity in 2004

Colorado
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See C.R.S. 24-34-502. Amended to include sexual orientation (defined to include “transgender status,” see CRS §24-34-301) in 2008 (SB 08-200).

Connecticut
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See CGS Ch. 814c §46a-60. Amended to include sexual orientation in 1991 (HB 7133) and to include gender identity in 2011 (HB 6599).

Delaware
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity

District of Columbia
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
Florida
- State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Florida Commission on Human Rights (2020), including Section 5 of the intake questionnaire for housing discrimination complaints

Georgia
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Hawai’i
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity

Idaho
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Illinois
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See 775 ILCS 5/1-102 (signed into law 2005, effective 2006)

Indiana
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Iowa
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Iowa Code § 216.8 and 216.8a (2007)

Kansas
- State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Kansas Human Rights Commission’s Statement on Bostock (2020)

Kentucky
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Louisiana
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Maine
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
Maryland
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
  • See S.B. 205 (2001) for sexual orientation and S.B. 212 (2014) for gender identity

Massachusetts
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
  • See Mass. Gen. Laws, chapter 151B, § 4-3B, 3C, 6, and 7 (2011)

Michigan
• State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
  • See Michigan Civil Rights Commission’s Interpretive Statement (2018).

Minnesota
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
  • See Minn. Stat. § 363A.09 (1993).

Mississippi
• No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Missouri
• No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Montana
• No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Nebraska
• State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
  • See Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission’s statement (2020).

Nevada
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
  • See S.B. 368 (2011).

New Hampshire
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
  • See HB 421 (1997) for sexual orientation and HB 1319 (2018) for gender identity

New Jersey
• Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
  • See N.J. Stat. § 10:5-4, and 10:5-12 amended to include sexual orientation in 1992 and amended to include gender identity in 2007
New Mexico
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.

New York
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
  - See SB 720 (2002) for sexual orientation and SB 1047 (2019) for gender identity

North Carolina
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity
  - Prior to 12/1/2020, state law prevented passage or enforcement of local nondiscrimination laws. See HB 2 (2016) and HB 142 (2017). The part of HB 142 that preempted local ordinances expired on 12/1/2020.

North Dakota
- State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity
  - See North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights statement (2020)

Ohio
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Oklahoma
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Oregon
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
  - See SB 2 (2007)

Pennsylvania
- State agency explicitly interprets existing protections against discrimination based on sex to include both sexual orientation and gender identity

Rhode Island
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity.
  - See Rhode Island Stat. § 34-37-4, amended in 1995 to include sexual orientation and in 2001 to include gender identity
South Carolina
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

South Dakota
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Tennessee
- State has law preventing passage or enforcement of local nondiscrimination laws

Texas
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Utah
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See S.B. 296 (2015)

Vermont
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See Vt. Stat. tit. 9, § 4503, amended to include sexual orientation in 1992 and amended to include gender identity in 2007

Virginia
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity
- See SB 868 (2020)

Washington
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates sexual orientation and gender identity

West Virginia
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

Wisconsin
- Housing nondiscrimination law enumerates only sexual orientation
- See Wis. Stat. § 106.50 (1982)

Wyoming
- No housing nondiscrimination law enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity

U.S. Territories
No housing nondiscrimination laws enumerating sexual orientation or gender identity were identified in the five populated U.S. territories.