Gay/Trans Panic Defense Laws

No updates required since January 21, 2020

Alabama
• No law

Alaska
• No law

Arizona
• No law

Arkansas
• No law

California
• State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See AB 2501 (2014)

Colorado
• No law

Connecticut
• State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See SB 58 (2019)

Delaware
• No law

District of Columbia
• No law

Florida
• No law

Georgia
• No law
Hawaii
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See HB 711 (2019)

Idaho
- No law

Illinois
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See SB 1761 (2017)

Indiana
- No law

Iowa
- No law

Kansas
- No law

Kentucky
- No law

Louisiana
- No law

Maine
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See LD 1632 (2019)

Maryland
- No law

Massachusetts
- No law

Michigan
- No law
Minnesota
  • No law

Mississippi
  • No law

Missouri
  • No law

Montana
  • No law

Nebraska
  • No law

Nevada
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
    • See SB 97 (2019)

New Hampshire
  • No law

New Jersey
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
    • See A 1796 (2020)

New Mexico
  • No law

New York
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
    • See A.8375 (2019)

North Carolina
  • No law

North Dakota
  • No law
Ohio
• No law

Oklahoma
• No law

Oregon
• No law

Pennsylvania
• No law

Rhode Island
• State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See H 7066 (2018).

South Carolina
• No law

South Dakota
• No law

Tennessee
• No law

Texas
• No law

Utah
• No law

Vermont
• No law

Virginia
• No law
Washington
  • No law

West Virginia
  • No law

Wisconsin
  • No law

Wyoming
  • No law

U.S. Territories
No panic defense laws were identified in the five populated U.S. territories.