Gay/Trans Panic Defense Laws

No updates required since June 7, 2021

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
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See SB 20-221 (2020)

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

Delaware
- No law

District of Columbia
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See B23-0409 (passed 2020, effective 2021)

Florida
- No law

Georgia
- No law

Hawai`i
- 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
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See HB 231/SB 46 (2021), enacted without governor’s signature

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
- State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
- See SB 704 (2021)

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
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See H 128 (2021)

Virginia
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See HB 2132 (2021)

Washington
  • State law bans the use of “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses
  • See HB 1687 (2020)

West Virginia
  • No law

Wisconsin
  • No law

Wyoming
  • No law

U.S. Territories

American Samoa
  • No law
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  • No law

Guam
  • No law

Puerto Rico
  • No law

U.S. Virgin Islands
  • No law