Gay/Trans Panic Defense Laws

No updates required since March 31, 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 SB20-221 (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
• 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
- 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