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Gay/Trans Panic Defense Laws

No updates required since July 14, 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

- 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

- 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



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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