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
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