

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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No. 310

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Initiated Bill 1

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

**An Act to Limit Protected Classes Under Maine Law.**

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Transmitted to the Clerk of the House of the 117th Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on January 26, 1995 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4552-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§4552-A. Limitation of protected class status**

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other  
10 provision of law, protected classes or suspect classifications  
12 under state or local human rights laws, rules, regulations,  
14 ordinances, charter provisions or policies are limited to race,  
16 color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, age,  
18 ancestry, national origin, familial status, and marital status.  
20 Any provision of State or local law, rule, regulation, ordinance,  
22 charter provision or policy inconsistent with this section is  
24 void and unenforceable.

26 This section, being necessary for the welfare of the State  
28 and the inhabitants of Maine, shall be liberally construed to  
30 accomplish its purpose and is not to be interpreted or applied as  
32 a limitation or restriction on authority as enumerated in the  
34 Maine Constitution.

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This initiated bill provides that protected classes under  
40 Maine law are limited to race, color, sex, physical or mental  
42 disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, familial  
44 status and marital status.