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History and Final Disposition

LD 1116 / SP0338

An Act to Prevent Discrimination. Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative THOMPSON of Naples and Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, MacKINNON of York, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro, OTT of York, SAXL of Portland. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 04/08/97. Majority (OTP) Accepted 05/08/97. Enacted, Signed 05/16/97, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 205. Final Disposition: Repealed in People's Veto Referendum 02/10/98 (In favor of repeal: 145,452; Opposed: 138,135).

Original Bill

[LD 1116 \(118th Legis. 1997\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1116 / PL 1997, c. 205](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf118-LD-1116.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment HA \(H-397\) \(LD 1116 1997\)](#)

[Amendment HB \(H-401\) \(LD 1116 1997\)](#)

[Amendment HC \(H-402\) \(LD 1116 1997\)](#)

[Amendment HD \(H-421\) \(LD 1116 1997\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 18, 1997 \(H140-144\)](#)

- p. H-143

[SENATE, February 18, 1997 \(S147-157\)](#)

- p. S-150

[SENATE, May 7, 1997 \(S713-755\)](#)

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[SENATE, May 7, 1997 \(S713-755\)](#)

- p. S-727 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 733))

[HOUSE, May 8, 1997 \(H681-713\)](#)

- p. H-681

[HOUSE, May 8, 1997 \(H681-713\)](#)

- p. H-696 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 711, 712)) (Amendment(s) H-397 (p 712), H-401 (p 712), H-402 (p 713))

[HOUSE, May 9, 1997 \(H714-744\)](#)

- p. H-726 (Roll Call(s))

[SENATE, May 9, 1997 \(S781-800\)](#)

- p. S-794 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 795))

[HOUSE, January 7, 1998 \(H1395-1411\)](#)

- p. H-1404 ((by title))

[SENATE, February 10, 1998 \(S1590-1595\)](#)

- p. S-1590 (Remarks (in passing))

[HOUSE, March 5, 1998 \(H1633-1644\)](#)

- p. H-1633 ((by title))

[SENATE, March 5, 1998 \(S1716-1727\)](#)

- p. S-1716 (Amendment(s) (as PL 1997, c. 205))

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 1997, c. 205](#)

News Articles

Republican sponsors gay-rights bill (Bangor Daily News, 2/22/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118502.pdf)

Better gay-rights debate (Bangor Daily News, 3/7/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118533.pdf)

Gay rights hearing draws crowd (Hale, John) (Bangor Daily News, 4/9/1997, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118743.pdf)

Is it equality or special rights? (Fisher, Frank) (Journal Tribune, 4/9/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118745.pdf)

The issue: Equality vs. special treatment (Carrier, Paul) (Kennebec Journal, 4/9/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118741.pdf)

Gay-rights hearing draws emotional crowd (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Phoenix, 4/9/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118744.pdf)

Reps divided on abortion, gay rights (Betts, Stephen) (Courier-Gazette, 4/15/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118788.pdf)

Gay rights bill gets panel's OK (Hale, John) (Bangor Daily News, 4/24/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118813.pdf)

Divided panel backs gay-rights measure (Carrier, Paul) (Kennebec Journal, 4/30/1997) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118824.pdf)

Bill to protect homosexuals OK'd by panel (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/1/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118890.pdf)

Gay rights foes claim support (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/7/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118859.pdf)

State Senate OKs gay rights bill (Hale, John) (Bangor Daily News, 5/8/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118913.pdf)

Gay, lesbian safeguards sail through Senate (Carrier, Paul) (Kennebec Journal, 5/8/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118869.pdf)

Gay rights wins lopsided victory in Senate (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 5/8/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118863.pdf)

Maine senators share stories of bias, pass gay rights bill (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/8/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118868.pdf)

Gay rights bill clears house (Quinn, Francis X.) (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118925.pdf)

House OKs gay-rights bill (Hale, John) (Morning Sentinel, 5/9/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118967.pdf)

Gay rights bill wins vote in Maine House (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 5/9/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118917.pdf)

House votes to protect rights of gays (Chapman, Liz) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/9/1997, p. 1A, 9A) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118916.pdf)

King signs gay-rights bill (Quinn, Francis X.) (Morning Sentinel, 5/17/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118951.pdf)

Governor signs gay-rights bill into Maine law (Perry, Nancy) (Portland Press Herald, 5/17/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118952.pdf)

Gay rights bill gets King OK (Quinn, Francis X.) (Journal Tribune, 5/18/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD11xx/nc118-LD-1116/SB118959.pdf)

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