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STATE OF MAINE

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To Representative Gerald E. Talbot Dept. Human Services Chairman

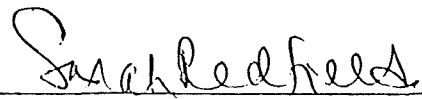
From Sarah Redfield Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject L.D. 1419

This is in response to your request for an opinion as to whether L.D. 1419 would effect in any way persons of the same gender who desired to marry. The provisions of L.D. 1419 would have no such effect.

Legislative Document 1419 would amend the Maine Human Rights Act to include sexual or affectional preference as a prohibited basis for discrimination in employment, in housing, in access to public accommodation, and in the extension of credit. It would also include the concern of sexual or affectional preference within the general scope of the Maine Human Rights Commission's purpose and review powers, see, e.g. 5 M.R.S.A., 4552, 4566.6, 4566.10, 4566.11.

These additions would make discrimination on the basis of sexual and affectional preference unlawful in regard to the areas specified above. They would not extend to the ability to marry which is now, and would continue to be, governed by Title 19, Chapter 1.

  
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