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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin and Representative RAND of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Prevent Discrimination.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4552**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 478, §1, is
5 further amended to read:

7 **§4552. Policy**

9 To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is
11 declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in
13 review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a
15 life with dignity, and the causes of such practices, so that
17 corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended
19 and implemented, and to prevent discrimination in employment,
21 housing or access to public accommodations on account of race,
color, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap,
religion, ancestry or national origin and in employment,
discrimination on account of age; and to prevent discrimination
in the extension of credit on account of age, race, color, sex,
sexual orientation, marital status, religion, ancestry or
national origin; and to prevent discrimination in education on
account of sex or physical or mental handicap.

23 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

25 9-A. Sexual orientation. "Sexual orientation" means having
27 a preference for heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality,
having a history of that preference or being identified with that
29 preference.

31 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§10, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1983, c.
578, §2, is further amended to read:

33 E. In determining whether any person is acting as an agent
35 or employee of another person so-as to make such the other
37 person responsible for his that person's acts, the question
of whether the specific acts performed were actually
authorized or subsequently ratified shall not be
controlling; and

39 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§10, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
41 578, §2, is amended to read:

43 F. Unlawful educational discrimination as defined and
45 limited by subchapter V-B. ; and

47 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§10, ¶G** is enacted to read:

49 G. Discrimination in employment, housing, public
accomodations and credit on the basis of sexual orientation,
51 except that a religious corporation, association or
organization is exempt from these provisions.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend to all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation the same civil rights protections now guaranteed to citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin and physical or mental handicap. Discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accomodations and credit would be prohibited.