

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 341

House of Representatives, February 8, 1991

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 HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Prohibit Educational  
Discrimination on the Basis of Race.**

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

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4601, as amended by PL 1989, c. 725, §1, is  
4 further amended to read:

6 **§4601. Right to freedom from discrimination in  
7 education**

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9 The opportunity for an individual at an educational  
10 institution to participate in all educational, counseling,  
11 vocational guidance programs and all apprenticeship and  
12 on-the-job training programs without discrimination because of  
13 sex, a physical or mental handicap, ~~or~~ national origin, or race  
14 is recognized and declared to be a civil right.

16 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4602, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 725,  
17 §2, is amended to read:

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19 **3. Unlawful educational discrimination on the basis of  
20 national origin or race.** It is unlawful educational  
21 discrimination in violation of this Act, on the basis of national  
22 origin, or race, to:

- 24 A. Exclude a person from participation in, deny a person  
25 the benefits of, or subject a person to, discrimination in  
26 any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational  
27 training or other program or activity;
- 28 B. Deny admission to the institution or program or to fail  
29 to provide equal access to and information about an  
30 institution or program through recruitment; or
- 31 C. Deny financial assistance availability and opportunity.
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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

37 The Maine Human Rights Act currently prohibits  
38 discrimination in education on the basis of sex, physical and  
39 mental handicap and national origin. This bill prohibits  
40 discrimination in education on the basis of race.

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