

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2011

Legislative Document

No. 1046

H.P. 781

House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

**An Act To Amend the Application of the Maine Human Rights Act
Regarding Public Accommodations**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING of
Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville, FITTS of Pittsfield, TURNER of Burlington, WINTLE of
Garland, Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4592**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 664, §§5 to 7, is further
3 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 It is not unlawful public accommodations discrimination, in violation of this Act, for
5 a public or private entity to restrict rest room or shower facilities that are part of a public
6 accommodation to the use of single-sex facilities to members of a biological sex
7 regardless of sexual orientation. Unless otherwise indicated, a rest room or shower
8 facility designated for one biological sex is presumed to be restricted to that biological
9 sex.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides that it is not unlawful public accommodations discrimination, in
12 violation of the Maine Human Rights Act, for a public or private entity to restrict rest
13 room or shower facilities that are part of public accommodations to restrict the use of
14 single-sex facilities to members of a biological sex regardless of sexual orientation.
15 Unless otherwise indicated, a rest room or shower facility designated for one biological
16 sex is presumed to be restricted to that biological sex.