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**119th Legislature (1998-2000)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 2239 / SP0840

An Act to Ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination. Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Portland and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, MacKINNON of York, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: QUINT of Portland, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor, WILLIAMS of Orono, CAMERON of Rumford, NORBERT of Portland, ROWE of Portland, STEVENS of Orono. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 02/16/00. Report A (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/04/00. Amended by: CA S-624. Enacted, Signed 04/07/00, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 629. Final Disposition: Failed in Referendum 11/07/00 (In favor: 314,012; Opposed: 318,846).

**Original Bill**

[LD 2239 \(119th Legis. 1999\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 2239 \(1st Regular Session\)](#)

[LD 2239 \(Carried over\) / PL 1999, c. 629](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf119-LD-2239.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-624\) \(LD 2239 2000\) \(Report A\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-625\) \(LD 2239 2000\) \(Report C\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-1046\) \(LD 2239 2000\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-1052\) \(LD 2239 2000\)](#)

[Amendment HC/CA \(H-1053\) \(LD 2239 2000\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, May 24, 1999 \(H1284-1322\)](#)

- p. H-1299

[SENATE, May 24, 1999 \(S1166-1202\)](#)

- p. S-1169

[HOUSE, June 18, 1999 \(H1655-1706\)](#)

- p. H-1697

[SENATE, June 18, 1999 \(S1489-1547\)](#)

- p. S-1538

[SENATE, April 3, 2000 \(S1984-2016\)](#)

- p. S-2001 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2007)) (Amendment(s) S-624, S-625)

[HOUSE, April 4, 2000 \(H2215-2256\)](#)

- p. H-2218 (Amendment(s) S-624, S-625)

[HOUSE, April 4, 2000 \(H2215-2256\)](#)

- p. H-2243 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2254 (2), 2255, 2256)) (Amendment(s) S-624, S-625, H-1046 (p 2254), H-1052 (p 2255))

[HOUSE, April 5, 2000 \(H2257-2306\)](#)

- p. H-2296 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2298)) (Amendment(s) S-624)

[SENATE, April 6, 2000 \(S2100-2138\)](#)

- p. S-2105 (Amendment(s) S-624)

### Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 1999, c. 629](#)

### News Articles

Push on for gay rights law (Quinn, Francis X.) (Journal Tribune, 2/17/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119731.pdf)

Gay-rights campaign starts (Vegh, Steven G.) (Kennebec Journal, 2/17/2000, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119730.pdf)

Gay rights bill's religious exemption raises ire (Meara, Emmet) (Bangor Daily News, 2/24/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119230.pdf)

Gay-rights proposal yields split panel vote in Augusta (Adams, Glenn) (Morning Sentinel, 2/24/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119228.pdf)

Gay-rights compromise leaves committee divided (Kesich, Gregory) (Portland Press Herald, 2/24/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119226.pdf)

Senate backs new version of state gay rights bill (Higgins, A.J.) (Bangor Daily News, 4/4/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119795.pdf)

Senate approves gay-rights vote (Kesich, Gregory) (Portland Press Herald, 4/4/2000, p. 1B, 3B) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119797.pdf)

Gay rights bill gets House OK (Emeara, Emmet) (Bangor Daily News, 4/5/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119491.pdf)

Vote on gay rights likely in November (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/5/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD22xx/nc119-LD-2239/SB119490.pdf)

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