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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

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