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An Act To Prohibit the Use of Opposite-gender Bathrooms, Changing Rooms and Locker Rooms

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4594-G is enacted to read:

§ 4594-G. Locker room, changing room or rest room facilities

1. Use of facilities designated for the opposite gender. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, a person may not use a public locker room, changing room or bathroom facility designated for use by a gender other than the gender of that person at birth. If a person completely undergoes a medical procedure in which that person's gender is changed, that person must use a public locker room, changing room or bathroom facility designated for use by the person's new gender. A violation of this subsection is a Class E crime.

2. Changing appearance. A person who is convicted of a crime requiring registration under Title 34-A, chapter 15 and alters or attempts to alter the person's appearance to enter a public locker room, changing room or bathroom facility designated for use by a gender other than the gender of that person at birth commits a Class C crime.

SUMMARY

This bill makes it a Class E crime when a person enters a public locker room, changing room or bathroom facility designated for use by a gender other than the gender of that person at birth, except for a person who has undergone a medical procedure to change that person's gender, who then is required to use the facilities for the person's new gender. This bill also makes it a Class C crime when a person required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 alters or attempts to alter that person's appearance to enter a public locker room, changing room or bathroom facility designated for use by a gender other than the gender of that person at birth.