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**An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to
Gender Identity**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§9-C,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 10, §3, is amended
3 to read:

4 **9-C. Sexual orientation.** "Sexual orientation" means a person's actual or perceived
5 heterosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexuality ~~or gender identity or expression~~.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill updates the definition of "sexual orientation" in the Maine Human Rights Act
8 by removing the reference to "gender identity or expression." The term "gender identity"
9 was given a separate definition by Public Law 2019, chapter 464.