MASSACHUSETTS
SOLIDIFYING EQUALITY

RELATIONSHIP RECOGNITION

Marriage
Comprehensive Civil Unions or Domestic Partnerships
Limited Relationship Recognition
Recognition of Marriage for the Purposes of Divorce
Constitutional Amendment/Defense of Marriage Act
- Applicable to Marriage
- Applicable to Other Relationships

PARENTING LAWS

Joint Adoption
Second Parent Adoption
Stepparent Adoption
Surrogacy Laws
Foster Care Laws
Parental Recognition & Donor Insemination
De Facto Parent Recognition
Laws Permitting Discrimination in Adoption/Foster Placement

NON-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

Employment
Housing
Public Accommodations
Education
Adoption
Foster Care
Insurance
Credit
Jury Selection
Non-Discrimination Policy for State Employees
State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts
Restrictions on Municipal Protections
Religious Exemptions for Professional Training/Practice

HATE CRIME LAWS

LGBT Protections
Required Reporting

YOUTH LAWS

Anti-Bullying Laws
- Enumerated Categories in Law
- Enumerated Model Policy
- Alternative Discipline
- Cyberbullying
Transgender Inclusion in Sports
Protection from Conversion Therapy
Laws to Address LGBT Youth Homelessness
LGBT Inclusive Sex Education Laws
LGBT Inclusive Juvenile Justice Policies
School Laws that Criminalize Youth
Laws that Prohibit Enumeration in Anti-Bullying Policies
Laws that Restrict Inclusion of LGBT Topics in Schools

HEALTH & SAFETY

LGBT Non-Discrimination Protections in ACA Exchanges
Ban on Insurance Exclusions for Trans Health Care
Gender Marker Change on Identification Documents
- Driver’s Licenses
- Birth Certificates
Health Data Collection
- BRFSS
- YRBS
Family Medical Leave Pertaining to Children
Trans Inclusive Health Benefits for State Employees
Sodomy Laws
HW/AIDS Criminalization Laws
Laws Prohibiting Transgender People from Receiving Appropriate ID
Transgender Exceptions in State Medicaid

ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOLD BILLS INTRODUCED
BAD BILLS INTRODUCED
GOOD LAWS PASSED

(CUMULATIVE)

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