



Vote No on 3: Repeal the Bathroom Law

What is the Bathroom and Locker Room Law?

The Massachusetts Bathroom and Locker Room Law was signed into law in 2016. It added “gender identity” to the state ban on “discrimination” in public accommodations, including even bathrooms, dressing rooms, locker rooms and showers. In other words, this law allows a person to self-identify as whatever “gender identity” they claim in that moment in order to enter the bathrooms, dressing rooms, locker rooms and showers based on their state of mind, rather than anatomy. It does not make exceptions for convicted sex offenders.

Why Repeal this Law?

This law endangers the privacy and safety of women and children in public bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, dressing rooms, and other intimate places, because anyone—regardless of intentions or anatomy—can be there at any given time. The law does not have a process to distinguish between people that this bill was intended to help and criminals who will abuse it to prey on others.

Why this Law Endangers Privacy and Safety?

This law was a broad overreach and is at odds with individual safety and privacy for everyone in the Commonwealth.

The Legislature rejected an exemption for convicted sex offenders, meaning convicted sex offenders can use any restroom, locker room, shower or dressing room at any time just by claiming a certain gender identity.

The law effectively silences women, because it threatens individuals with fines of up to fifty thousand dollars or a year in prison for simply protesting about an unwelcome male presence in a women’s bathroom or locker rooms, or stopping a man from entering.

This law also opens businesses, homeless shelters, athletic teams and hospitals to lawsuits if they refuse

individuals full access to sex-segregated facilities or programs based on their anatomy.

Was this law necessary to protect transgender?

No. The state agency responsible for combatting discrimination already had a well-documented history of successfully adjudicating diverse claims of discrimination against transgendered individuals in public accommodations under existing law and regulations. This new law was written to specifically target single-sex facilities like bathrooms, women’s-only fitness centers, and shelters.

What will happen when the law is repealed?

When this law is repealed, everyone will continue to have access to the facility based on their sex, not the vague and easily manipulated category of “gender identity.” Stores, restaurants, fitness centers, etc., can establish whatever policy best meets the needs of their clients and customers.

What is Question 3 on November’s Ballot?

In the immediate aftermath of the passage of the Bathroom and Locker Room Law, Keep MA Safe was formed to repeal the law. In just 45 days, the coalition collected more than 50,000 signatures to satisfy the threshold needed to put the issue to a vote on the November 2018 ballot. Keep MA Safe is the official “No On 3” campaign.

Question 3 on this November’s statewide ballot will ask voters the following: “Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?”

How does the repeal work?

A “NO” vote will repeal the law.

Vote “NO” on Question 3 on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018! www.KeepMASafe.org