



The New Hampshire House Of Representatives

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HB 315 passes with Unanimous Consent from the House

Concord, NH: Representatives Shaun Filiault (D-Keene), Katelyn Kuttab (R-Windham) and Amanda Elizabeth Toll (D-Keene) released the following joint statement after the passage of HB 315 – relative to prohibiting provocations based on a victim’s actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation from being used as defense in a criminal case - on the House Consent Calendar:

“This is an important piece of bipartisan legislation to protect the LGBTQ+ community from ever being victims of what is known as the ‘Gay Panic Defense’.

This defense unjustly allows a murderer to reduce First Degree Murder charges to Manslaughter, using the insanity defense under RSA 628:2.

By passing this on consent, we are sending a unified message that all citizens of New Hampshire are protected equally.”

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