

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

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S.P. 237 - L.D. 598

**An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair  
Texture or Hairstyle**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§8-G** is enacted to read:

**8-G. Protective hairstyle.** "Protective hairstyle" includes braids, twists and locks.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§8-H** is enacted to read:

**8-H. Race, for purposes of subchapters 3 and 5-B.** "Race," for the purposes of subchapters 3 and 5-B, includes traits associated with race, including hair texture, Afro hairstyles and protective hairstyles.