

HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

There is no crime in being poor. Yet people who are experiencing homelessness are routinely criminalized for openly surviving and living in poverty. A Homeless Bill of Rights would provide people who are unhoused the same rights that other people have and the potential to reduce harm to people who are homeless.

CITIES

Traverse city, Baltimore, Maryland, Knoxville, tn, New Haven, Ct.,
Madison, Wisconsin,

STATES

California, Colorado, Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois,
Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Tennessee,.

Also

Washington d.c., Puerto Rico,.

Feds

On 2/14/2022 was referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. They will have a Virtual Hearing on 3/16/2022 at 12:00PM or 11:00 AM here. The bill is H264 and H1314. This is the bills of right

(1) Use and move freely in public spaces including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation and public buildings, in the same manner as any other person, and without discrimination on the basis of experiencing homelessness;

(2) Equal treatment by all state and municipal agencies, without discrimination on the basis of experiencing homelessness;

(3) Be free from discrimination while seeking or maintaining employment due to the lack of a permanent mailing address, or a mailing address being that of a shelter or social service provider;

(4) Access emergency medical care free from discrimination based on experiencing homelessness;

(5) Vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to experiencing homelessness;

(6) Protection from disclosure of records and information provided to homeless shelters and service providers to state, municipal, and private entities, without appropriate legal authority; and the right to confidentiality of personal records and information in accordance with all applicable limitations on disclosure, established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the Federal Violence Against Women Act; and

(7) A reasonable expectation of privacy of personal property.

For purposes of this section, “experiencing homelessness” shall mean the status of not having a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence, including the status of living on the streets, in a homeless shelter, in a similar temporary residence, or in situations as described in the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, § 103(a), 42 U.S.C. § 11302(a).