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### NEWS REPORT

**Country:** Romania  
**Title:** The Senate rejects draft bill aiming to abrogate Anti-discrimination Law  
**Date:** 15 March 2017  
**Expert:** Iordache, Romanița  
**Update of news report nr:** 033-RO-ND-2017  
**Context**  
**Issue at stake:** Attempt to abrogate Romanian Anti-discrimination Law  
**Ground of discrimination:** All grounds  
**Source:** Legislation  
**Field:** Employment, social protection, social advantages, access to goods and services, education, housing, other  
**Applicable law:** Emergency Ordinance 137/2000 ratified by the Parliament as Law 48/2002

### Content

**Law development:** On 14 March 2017, the plenary of the Romanian Senate adopted the report suggesting the rejection of a draft law which aimed to abolish the Anti-discrimination Law. The vote was 101 for the report, 2 abstentions and no vote against. The bill calling for the repeal of the Law 48/2002 (which is the law ratifying the Emergency Ordinance 137/2000) was drafted by a former MP who was fined by the national equality body in May 2016. On 28 February 2017, the bill was tacitly adopted by the Chamber of Deputies due to the failure of the institution to organize a hearing in time.<sup>1</sup> The Senate voted for the rejection of the draft bill and prioritized the vote in response to media and civic protests caused by the tacit adoption of the bill.

**Key points of analysis:** The Senate established the vote on the draft bill as a priority given the reactions of the national equality body, of the media and of the NGOs, all condemning the retaliatory animus of the bill and the negligence of the Chamber of Deputies of rejecting the draft bill in time.

### **Internet link source:**

<https://www.senat.ro/ProgramLucruZi.aspx?Zi=2017-03-14&ComisieID=69718c4c-e30d-45ed-91a3-e62e2fce9ae5>. Accessed on 14 March 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Full information in Flash report 033-RO-ND-2017.