Drag has stepped into the daylight, with elaborately costumed and made-up performers looking to restrict them face legal challenges.

Republican lawmakers in several red states say such performances are sexually explicit, and are pushing bills that would limit where they can take place — and who can be in the audience.

As drag shows go 'mainstream,' some red states have introduced bills that would ban drag performances, or require them to limit the age of the audience.

Despite the attention, most of these bills fail to pass, and those that do often have legal challenges.

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**DIMENSIONED LAX:** The Stateline team received an introspection bill that includes agencies that are responsible for state spending, including education, health care, and public safety. The bill would require these agencies to report on how their spending is affecting state residents.

**PLIERS-EXPLOITED:** The bill expands existing laws to include drag performances, and would limit where they can be performed.

**CLIMATE SUPERFUND:** A new bill would create a fund to pay for damage related to climate change. The bill has been introduced in response to the growing visibility of drag performances, and would allow for the expansion of existing drag performance venues.

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**TARIF LG:** A new bill would apply new tariffs on drag performances, which have become increasingly popular in recent years.

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