



CWA of California Update

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Bill Deadline Passes with Victory for Life!

Thank you for your prayers and action opposing physician-assisted suicide

On Thursday, June 7, the authors of AB 374, dubbed the "California Compassionate Choices Act" conceded defeat and did not present the bill for a vote. Physician-assisted suicide may not be revisited until January, unless its language is inserted into an Assembly bill that passed that house by today's deadline. Patty Berg (D-Santa Rosa) used this tactic in 2005 when she couldn't get the bill out of the Assembly, but hijacked a Medi-Cal bill that was moving through the Senate. That assisted suicide bill died in a Senate Committee.

This victory is due in large part to your calls, faxes, e-mails, and prayers. We are also grateful to the participants in CWA's recent Lobby Day who passionately presented opposition arguments and personal stories to over 40 legislators. Pro-life, pro-family, and disability groups worked hard to see this bill defeated, and we praise God for their united efforts.

In other good news, the "anti-spanking" bill, AB 755, died in the Appropriations Committee.

Other Measures Move Forward

Victory may be sweet, but there's still much work to be done as we stand for Biblical principles and prayerfully share those concerns with our elected representatives! At the deadline for bills to pass out of their house of origin, many other egregious bills are moving to their second house where committee hearings will begin next week. For a complete recap, see our "[Targeted Bills](#)" list. Some key measures include:

AB 14 – Adds "sexual orientation" to nondiscrimination criteria in many business and association codes with no religious or conscience exemption.

AB 16 – Changes the authority for determining which vaccinations school children will receive, largely removing these important decisions from legislative oversight and failing to give parents an opt-in provision for controversial immunizations such as the HPV vaccine. In another example of the impact pro-family organizations and concerned individuals can make, this bill passed by a narrower than expected margin.

AB 43 – Legalizes same-sex "marriage" in California, denying the will of the voters in Prop 22. The California Constitution specifically prohibits the Legislature from repealing a voter initiative without returning the matter to the citizens of the state. The bill [passed](#) by just two votes.

AB 976 – Prevents cities from requiring landlords to verify the immigration status of prospective tenants and prohibits individual property owners from making such inquiries.

SB 11 – Extends full marriage benefits to any two adults in a "committed relationship."

SB 777 – Bans any school activities, textbooks, programs or instructional materials that reflect or promote a discriminatory bias against homosexuality or transgenderism (K-12). Also bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation at any colleges or universities that receive or benefit from state funds (including those schools that enroll students who receive state student financial aid).

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