



## **REPEAL SB 3186**

- **“Sexual orientation” laws are discriminatory.** They lead directly to attacks on groups and individuals who hold traditional and religious moral values.
- **“Sexual orientation” laws violate** the vast majority of citizens’ civil rights. Imagine a gender-confused man employed at a hardware store who starts coming to work in a dress. The owner cannot fire him for fear of a lawsuit. Customers stop coming and the owner eventually goes out of business. What will the state do to compensate his loss? **“Sexual orientation” laws lay the legal groundwork** for homosexual “marriage” claims. **The Massachusetts Supreme Court cited “sexual orientation” laws in its decision to legalize same-sex marriages.** “... *Massachusetts has a strong affirmative policy of preventing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. See G. L. c. 151B (employment, housing, credit, services); G. L. c. 265, § 39 (hate crimes); G. L. c. 272, § 98 (public accommodation); G. L. c. 76, § 5 (public education).*” *Goodridge v. Department of Health*, 798 N.E.2d 941, 967-968 (Mass. 2003)
- **Homosexuality, bisexuality and cross dressing, etc., are NOT civil rights. They do not meet the legal definition of minority status as traditionally applied to minorities.**
- **“Sexual orientation” is a broad term** encompassing “homosexuality, heterosexuality or bisexuality.” Homosexuality was once included in the therapeutic manual of the American Psychiatric Association in a list of gender identity disorders, but is now being claimed as a “civil right.” What’s to keep the more than 20 other sexual identify disorders, including cross-dressing, from being accorded “civil right” status?
- **Homosexuals already have the same rights** as other citizens, and should not be given additional rights based on their willingness to perform peculiar—and often medically dangerous—sex acts.
- **Sexual “orientation laws” advance the ultimate goals** of radical homosexual activists, which are same-sex marriage/civil unions/domestic partnerships and special rights in the workplace..
- **Homosexuality is behavior that can be reversed/changed.** Dr. Robert L. Spitzer, an atheist, was instrumental in removing homosexuality from the psychiatric manual of mental disorders in 1973. Dr. Spitzer has since published a study that finds homosexuals who want to change can do so and live normal heterosexual lifestyles. The results of this study are in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol. 32, No. 5, October 2003, pp. 403-417.
- **Homosexuality will be taught to our children as normal, and parents will have no recourse.** California parents sued a school district for refusing to allow their children to transfer to another classroom after a male teacher introduced his homosexual lover to his 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The parents lost in court due to a state law that prohibits discrimination based on “sexual orientation.”
  
- **The government should not condone behavior that spreads disease** and can result in early death. One epidemiological study found that “gay” men lose 8 to 20 years off their lifespan. (Source: Hogg RS, Strathdee SA, Craib KJP, O’Shaughnessy MV, Montaner JSG, Schechter MT. “Modelling the impact of HIV disease on mortality in gay and bisexual men.” *International Journal of Epidemiology* 1997;26(3):657-61) In Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, AIDS has been the leading cause of early death among men since 1989. (Source: Hogg RS, Heath KV, Strathdee SA, Montaner JSG, O’Shaughnessy MV, Schechter MT. “HIV/AIDS mortality in Canada: evidence of gender, regional and local area differentials,” *AIDS* 1996;10:889-94)

- **Homosexuals are at a much higher risk for serious health problems.** (Source: Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, Gay Wired 7-18-02 [www.gaywired.com/storydetail.cfm?Section=76&ID=10732](http://www.gaywired.com/storydetail.cfm?Section=76&ID=10732)) Along with HIV/AIDS, they have a higher rate than the general population for: Hepatitis, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer; prostate, colon and testicular cancers; sexually transmitted diseases, including anal papilloma, which may play a role in higher rates of anal cancers in gay men; eating disorders; depression; anxiety, and alcohol and substance abuse. Homosexual men account for 67 percent of AIDS cases in Illinois, yet they make up a small percent of the population. (Source: [www.idph.state.il.us/health/aids/aidscht0001.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/aids/aidscht0001.htm))
- **HIV/AIDS cases among homosexuals have steadily risen** according to data collected by the CDC. HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men surged 7.1 percent in 2003. New diagnoses among homosexual males have increased 17.7 percent since 1999 while remaining stable in other vulnerable communities. Passage of SB 3186SB 3186 will help trigger an increase in experimentation among younger males, putting them at risk for infection.
- **A new venereal disease has been discovered** among homosexual and bisexual males. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued an alert to health officials on October 29, 2004 on a rare venereal disease (STD), Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV), a variety of the Chlamydia trachomatis bacterium, spreading through Europe among homosexual and bisexual males. The CDC believes it is just a matter of time before the disease reaches the U.S. (<http://www.narth.com/docs/cdceurope.html>)

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