

Wolf in Sheep's Clothing Bill Slips By Delegates

A cleverly crafted bill SB 1338 easily made it through the Senate and onto the floor of the House before any of the pro-family groups including CWA-VA recognized it. Despite the collective efforts of CWA-VA, Family Foundation, the Independent Baptist Association and Family Policy Network, the bill passed through our "conservative" House of Delegates 49-48 with Council and Van Landingham not voting.

The bill had an outward appearance of compassion as it opened up the possibility of allowing any class of persons to be added to insurance policies: for example, disabled adult children, siblings, in-law and live-in personal care assistants. It was also presented as a deregulation bill and economic development issue. The true color of the bill was to allow homosexual couples to receive the same benefits previously preserved for married couples and their dependents.

Look for the "big bad wolf" of this legislation to launch a campaign of intimidation on business owners in the Commonwealth. The "huff and puff" of the same sex activists will be "provide us with benefits or else face lawsuits."

This legislation in no way demands that anyone offer same-sex health insurance benefits to couples engaged in homosexual behavior. Please contact CWA-VA at 703-444-1740 at the first sign of any harassment by gay activists on this issue.

The bill, (**SB 1338**) allows coverage under a group accident and sickness insurance policy to be extended to insure any class of persons as may mutually be agreed upon by the insurer and the group policyholder.