

**Pennsylvania Anti-Religious Freedom House Bill No. 1493 (Printer's No. 4156)**  
**VIOLATES Article 1 Section 3 of The Constitution of Pennsylvania**  
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**Article 1 Section 3 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania:**

Religious Freedom

Section 3. All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences; no man can of right be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship or to maintain any ministry against his consent; no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience, and no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship.

**Pennsylvania House Bill No. 1493 (Printer's No. 4156) reads:**

"Offense defined. – A person commits the offense of ethnic intimidation if, with malicious intention toward the actual or perceived... sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals, he commits an offense under any other provision of this article or under Chapter 33 (relating to arson, criminal mischief and other property destruction) exclusive of Section 3307 (relating to institutional vandalism) or under Section 3503 (relating to criminal trespass) or under Section 5504 (relating to harassment by communication or address) with respect to such individual or his or her property or with respect to one or more members of such group or to their property."

**Why is HB1493 Unconstitutional?**

HB1493 could be used against people of the Christian and Jewish faith who "worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences" through public "communication or address" that admonishes sodomy, lesbianism, pedophilia, bestiality, and other lifestyles when this communication is "perceived" to be "harassment by communication" "toward the actual or perceived... sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals." By enforcing such legislation, police officers or other employees of the state, being "human authority," would be controlling and interfering with the rights of the conscience of Christians and Jews who are citizens of Pennsylvania.

Christians, specifically, are ordered to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Christians believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and Jesus Christ is God. In order for Christians to teach "all things that I have commanded you," they must communicate with non-Christians.

The following Holy Scripture, under Pennsylvania House Bill 1493, could be "perceived" as "harassment by communication or address" by people of certain "sexual orientation" or "gender identity."

Leviticus 18:22: "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination."

Leviticus 20:13: " If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them.'

The male to female sexual relationship is the only one allowed by Jesus (Matthew 19:4-6): "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Sodomy and lesbianism is condemned by God through Paul in Romans 1:24-32: "Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge

God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."

The following is biblical commentary of Romans 1:24-32, provided by the Life Application Bible, New King James Version, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, Illinois, pg.2056. "Paul clearly portrays the inevitable downward spiral into sin. First, people reject God; next, they make up their own ideas of what a god should be and do; then they fall into sin - sexual sin, greed, hatred, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossip. Finally, they grow to hate God and encourage others to do so. God does not cause this steady progression toward evil. Rather, when people reject him, He allows them to live as they choose. God gives them over or permits them to experience the natural consequences of their sin. Once caught in the downward spiral, no one can pull himself or herself out. Sinners must trust Christ alone to put them on the path of escape."

### **Presidents George Washington and Ronald Reagan Would Be Guilty!**

The communications of Presidents George Washington and Ronald Reagan would certainly be "perceived" to be "harassment by communication" "toward the actual or perceived... sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals."

### **President George Washington**

On March 10, 1778, as recorded in *The Writings of George Washington* (March 1-May 31, 1778, 11:83-84, published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, 1934), George Washington issued the order:

"At a General Court Marshall whereof Colo. Tupper was President (10th March 1778) Lieutt. Enslin of Colo. Malcom's Regiment tried for attempting to commit sodomy, with John Monhort a soldier; Secondly, For Perjury in swearing to false Accounts, found guilty of the charges exhibited against him, being breaches of 5th. Article 18th. Section of the Articles of War and do sentence him to be dismiss'd the service with Infamy. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief approves the sentence and with Abhorrence and Detestation of such Infamous Crimes orders Liett. Enslin to be drummed out of Camp tomorrow morning by all the Drummers and Fifers in the Army never to return; The Drummers and Fifers to attend on the Grand parade at Guard mounting for that Purpose."

### **President Ronald Reagan**

"In part the erosion of these values has given way to a celebration of forms of sexual expression most people reject. We will resist the efforts of some to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality. Like so many Americans I have been disturbed at attempts to water down traditional values and even abrogate the original terms of American democracy with respect to religious freedom. I firmly believe that freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged."

Footnote: Reagan, Ronald Wilson. July 12, 1984, in answer to a questionnaire from *The Scoreboard*.

### **Conclusion:**

Pennsylvania House Bill No. 1493 (Printer's No. 4156) is blatantly unconstitutional in regards to Article 1 Section 3 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Not only could this fascist legislation have been used against such leaders as Presidents George Washington and Ronald Reagan, but it is an abomination to Jesus Christ, to whom the Founding Fathers gave all credit for the foundation of the United States of America!

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." Patrick Henry

Footnote: Henry, Patrick. Attributed. M.E. Bradford, *The Trumpet Voice of Freedom: Patrick Henry of Virginia* (Marlborough, NH: Plymouth Rock Foundation, 1991), p. iii. Steve C. Dawson, *God's Providence in America's History* (Rancho Cordova, CA: Steve C. Dawson, 1988), Vol. I, p. 5. "The Voice of America's Past," *Torch* (Dallas, TX: Texas Eagle Forum, February 1994), Vol. 1, No. 7, p. 5. John Eidsmoe, "Institute on the Constitution" tape series, Lecture #3 (Published by Virginia Freeman Publishers, Stuarts Draft, Virginia). D. James Kennedy, *What if Jesus had never been born?* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Inc., 1994), p. 67. Billy Felling, *The Political Mission of the Church* (Valley Center, CA: Billy Felling Publishing, 1990), p. 43.