

IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE EASTERN STATE

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Equality Act

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Greater Appalachia

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SECTION 2: SHORT TITLE

- (a) This piece of legislation may be cited as the “Equality Act.”

SECTION 3: ENACTMENT AND SEVERABILITY

- (a) This piece of legislation shall come into effect one year after its enactment.
- (b) This piece of legislation shall operate notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.
- (c) If any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this piece of legislation shall for any person or circumstance be held to be illegal, invalid, unenforceable, and or or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this piece of legislation which is operable without the offending section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application shall remain effective notwithstanding such illegal, invalid, unenforceable, and or or unconstitutional section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application, and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application of this piece of legislation are declared severable. The legislature hereby declares that it would have passed each part, and each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, provision or application be declared illegal, invalid, unenforceable, and or or unconstitutional.

TITLE I— Polygramy

SECTION 101: SHORT TITLE

- (a) This title may be cited as the “Polygramy.”

SECTION 102: FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

- (a) The Assembly of the Eastern State here assembled does find that—
- (i) It is not the place of the state to regulate the private consensual relationships of adults.
 - (ii) The current penalization of bigamy is an overstep of the states reach
 - (iii) Spousal privilege would allow a group of criminals to marry one another to take advantage
 - (iv) The state of Greater Appalachia should legalize Polygramy.
- (b) The purpose of this title is to legalize polygamy.

SECTION 103: Guilt

- (1) A person is guilty of Nonconsensual Bigamy if:
- (2) The individual attempts to contract a marriage with another person at a time when he or she is legally married to a living spouse, or the other person has a living spouse; and
- (3) The spouse or spouses have not consented to the additional marriages

SECTION 104: Defense

- (1) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the actor reasonably believed at the time of the commission of the offense that the actor and the person whom the actor married were legally eligible to be married because the actor's prior marriage was void or had been dissolved by death, divorce, or annulment.

SECTION 105: Class E Felony

- (1) Nonconsensual Bigamy shall be classified as a Class E Felony

TITLE II— Gender Affirmation Surgery

SECTION 201: SHORT TITLE

- (a) This title may be cited as “Gender Affirmation Surgery.”

SECTION 202: FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

- (a) The Assembly of the Eastern State here assembled does find that—
- (1) The number of trans individuals in the United States continues to increase.
 - (2) Some of these individuals may opt to receive gender affirmation surgery.
 - (3) This procedure should be accessible for citizens.
 - (4) The State should establish a medical center to specifically focus on gender affirmation surgery
- (b) The purpose of this title is to establish a health center to specifically focus on gender affirmation surgery.

SECTION 203: Establishment

- (1) There is hereby established the Appalachia Gender Affirmation Surgery Center, henceforth referred to as the “AGAS Center.”

SECTION 204: Responsibilities

- (1) The responsibilities of the AGAS shall be:
- (a) Providing information on Gender Affirmation Surgery
 - (b) Performing Gender Affirmation Surgery
 - (c) Spreading awareness on Gender Affirmation Surgery.

SECTION 205: Staff

- (1) The AGAS shall be led by a director who should serve as chief surgeon and shall be appointed by the Governor.
- (2) The director of AGAS shall be responsible for appointing other surgeons and residents to assist him in performing surgeries.

SECTION 206: Costs

- (1) All surgeries performed by the AGAS shall be free of charge.

TITLE III— LGBTQ+ Sex Education

SECTION 301: SHORT TITLE

- (a) This title may be cited as “LGBTQ+ Sex Education.”

SECTION 302: FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

- (a) The Assembly of the Eastern State here assembled does find that—
- (1) Sex Ed classes in public schools only teach heterosexual education.
 - (2) These classes neglect homosexual and bisexual education and thus neglect homosexual and bisexual students.
 - (3) Classes should teach all types of sexualites.
 - (4) Sexual education should not favour one type of sexuality as the “typical” sexuality.

- (b) The purpose of this title is to require all sexual education classes to teach students about multiple sexualites.

SECTION 303: Compensive Sex Ed

- (1) All Greater Appalachia 6-12 schools shall be required to teach a comprehensive sexual education that covers:
- (a) Heterosexual education
 - (b) Homosexual education
 - (c) Bisexual education
 - (d) Asexual education

SECTION 304: No opts out

- (1) No students or their families may choose to opt out of the different types of sexual education.

SECTION 305: Professional Development

- (1) All public school health teachers shall be required to attend a yearly ten hour course in order to teach the health class that shall cover:
 - (a) The basics of heterosexual education.
 - (b) The basics of homosexual education.
 - (c) The basics of bisexual education.
 - (d) The basics of asexual education.
 - (e) Sensitivity training.

SECTION 306: Complaints

- (1) Any students may bring forward complaints about inappropriate and discriminatory comments made by teachers of this course when covering different types of sexualites.

SECTION 307: Investigation

- (1) Upon receiving a complaint, the school shall be required to conduct an investigation.

SECTION 308: Punishments

- (1) If the school investigation proves that the complaint is valid, then the state suggests the following punishments:
 - (2) Suspension
 - (3) Professional development
 - (4) Termination

TITLE IV— Non Binary Driver Licenses

SECTION 401: SHORT TITLE

(b) This title may be cited as “Non Binary Driver Licenses.”

SECTION 402: FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) The Assembly of the Eastern State here assembled does find that—

- (1) Some individuals do not identify as a specific gender.
- (2) These individuals should not have to identify as a gender that they are not in their driver licenses.
- (3) State drivers licenses should reflect the different types of gender and no gender.
- (4) The Appalachia government should allow individuals to choose a non binary option for their drivers license.

(b) The purpose of this title is to establish a nonbinary option for state drivers license

SECTION 403. Driver License Gender Options

(1) The state of Appalachia shall have the following driver license gender options.

- (a) Male
- (b) Female
- (c) Other
- (d) Nonbinary

SECTION 404: Gender Suffixes

(1) The State of Appalachia shall use the following suffixes for gender identity

- (a) M for Males
- (b) F for Females

(c) O for Other

(d) NB for Nonbinary

TITLE V— Hate Crimes

SECTION 501: SHORT TITLE

(c) This title may be cited as “Hate Crimes.”

SECTION 502: FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) The Assembly of the Eastern State here assembled does find that—

- (1) Members of the LGBTQ community are sometimes violently attacked because of their LGBTQ status.
- (2) This type of action is unacceptable and should be classified as hate crimes.
- (3) The State of Appalachia must take action on hate crimes.
- (4) The Appalachia government should prosecute hate crimes.
- (5) The state should establish a committee to investigate hate crimes against LGBTQ+ individuals.

(b) The purpose of this title is to prosecute hate crimes against members of the LGBTQ community and to establish a committee to investigate hate crimes.

SECTION 503: Hate Crimes

(2) The state of Appalachia shall prosecute hate crimes against members of the LGBTQ community.

SECTION 504: Appropriate Sentences

(1) If guilty, a perpetrator of a hate crime against a member of the LGBTQ+ community shall be sentenced to:

(a) A prison term of up to ten years.

SECTION 505: Hate Crime Commission

- (1) The state of Appalachia shall establish a commission called the Appalachia Hate Crime Commission henceforth referred to as the “HCC.”

SECTION 506: Responsibilities

- (1) The responsibilities of the HCC shall be:
 - (a) Investigation of hate crimes
 - (b) Advertisements spreading awareness on the dangers of hate crimes and how to help prevent them.

