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Hamilton; Senator Ortiz

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 32-3229.02; AMENDING TITLE 35, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5,
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 35-196.06; RELATING TO HEALTH
CARE FOR MINORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 32, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-3229.02, to read:

4 32-3229.02. Conversion therapy; minors; unprofessional
5 conduct; exceptions; definitions

6 A. IT IS AN ACT OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR A HEALTH CARE
7 PROFESSIONAL TO PROVIDE CONVERSION THERAPY TO A PATIENT OR CLIENT WHO IS
8 UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

9 B. SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EITHER:

10 1. A CLERGY MEMBER OR RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR WHO IS ACTING
11 SUBSTANTIALLY IN A PASTORAL OR RELIGIOUS CAPACITY AND NOT IN THE CAPACITY
12 OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.

13 2. A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT WHO IS A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND
14 WHO IS ACTING SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE CAPACITY OF A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT AND
15 NOT IN THE CAPACITY OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.

16 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

17 1. "CONVERSION THERAPY":

18 (a) MEANS ANY PRACTICE OR TREATMENT THAT SEEKS TO CHANGE THE SEXUAL
19 ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OF A PATIENT OR CLIENT, INCLUDING MENTAL
20 HEALTH THERAPY THAT SEEKS TO CHANGE, ELIMINATE OR REDUCE BEHAVIORS,
21 EXPRESSIONS, ATTRACTIONS OR FEELINGS RELATED TO THE PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S
22 SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY.

23 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE A PRACTICE OR TREATMENT THAT DOES NOT SEEK TO
24 CHANGE A PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND
25 THAT MEETS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (i) IS NEUTRAL WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER
27 IDENTITY.

28 (ii) PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO A PATIENT OR CLIENT UNDERGOING GENDER
29 TRANSITION.

30 (iii) PROVIDES ACCEPTANCE OF AND SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING TO A
31 PATIENT OR CLIENT.

32 (iv) FACILITATES A PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S SOCIAL SUPPORT, IDENTITY
33 EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ABILITY TO COPE.

34 (v) ADDRESSES UNLAWFUL, UNSAFE, PREMARITAL OR EXTRAMARITAL SEXUAL
35 ACTIVITIES IN A MANNER THAT IS NEUTRAL WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

36 (vi) DISCUSSES THE PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S MORAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
37 OR PRACTICES.

38 2. "HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES
39 MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY AS PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROFESSION AND WHO IS
40 CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13, 15, 17, 19.1 OR 33 OF THIS
41 TITLE.

1 Sec. 2. Title 35, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by adding section 35-196.06, to read:

3 35-196.06. Conversion therapy; minors; funding; prohibition

4 A. STATE MONIES, OR ANY MONIES BELONGING TO ANY STATE AGENCY, STATE
5 CORPORATION, STATE DIVISION, STATE DEPARTMENT, STATE COMMISSION OR
6 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, WITHOUT LIMIT, MAY NOT BE SPENT FOR
7 THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING CONVERSION THERAPY, PROVIDING HEALTH BENEFITS
8 COVERAGE FOR CONVERSION THERAPY OR PROVIDING A GRANT TO OR CONTRACT WITH
9 ANY ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS OR PROVIDES CONVERSION THERAPY TO A PATIENT OR
10 CLIENT WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

11 B. A STATE AGENCY, STATE CORPORATION, STATE DIVISION, STATE
12 DEPARTMENT, STATE COMMISSION OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE,
13 WITHOUT LIMIT, MAY NOT USE OR PROVIDE ANY FEDERAL MONIES TO ANY ENTITY FOR
14 THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING, FACILITATING OR REIMBURSING CONVERSION THERAPY
15 OR PROVIDING A GRANT TO OR CONTRACT WITH ANY ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS OR
16 PROVIDES CONVERSION THERAPY TO A PATIENT OR CLIENT WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN
17 YEARS OF AGE.

18 Sec. 3. Severability

19 If a provision of this act or its application to any person or
20 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other
21 provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the
22 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are severable.