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### News From Around PA

Gallup: **Washington, D.C.**, has the highest percentage – 10% -- of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders (LGBT) in the US. In PA 2.7% identify as LGBT, placing us in the bottom ten states.

**The 95th State House seat** (York County) was vacated when then State Rep. Eugene DePasquale became PA's new Auditor General. The Democrat, Green and Republican candidates in that special election each support same-sex "marriage"

**HR 71** has been introduced by State Rep Will Tallman. It encourages the US Senate to reject the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and is currently in the House State Government Committee.

**Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way**, requires funded agencies have "non-

discrimination policies" which include 'sexual orientation," has announced it will place discretionary funding for the Susquehanna Council of Boy Scouts on "pause" while national BSA reviews its policy banning homosexuals.

### News from National Scene

The **Health Care Conscience Rights Act**, to be introduced in the US House, would protect Americans' First Amendment rights and would stop the Obamacare HHS mandate which forces religious groups to pay for abortion-causing drugs in their health care plans.

A group of **11 GOP members** has filed an amicus brief with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Hobby Lobby. They argue that the Obamacare mandate runs contrary to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act protecting religious practice. No PA Congressman signed the amicus brief.

**Sequestration "horror" stories:** Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released thousands of illegal aliens in *anticipation* of the sequestration cuts, but TSA

got \$50 million worth of new uniforms the same week; Janet Napolitano said long lines at airports were a result of cuts (ignoring millions of cancelled flights due to snow); White House tours arranged by Congressional offices ended by President, but White House Egg Roll goes on as planned.

**S 232** introduced in the US Senate will repeal the 2.3 percent medical device tax in Obamacare. Senators Casey and Toomey are co-sponsors. In PA medical device manufacturers employ about 22,000 and contribute \$13.1 billion annually to economy.

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