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**News From Around PA**

Senator Bob Casey has decided to sign on as a co-sponsor of the **Equality Act** which would make homosexuality and transgenderism a civil right.

Pennsylvania is flying the **rainbow flag** over our State Capitol to honor Orlando victims and support the LGBT community.

The **PA Department of Health** has issued new guidelines that allow two "wives" to be listed as parents on the birth certificate of their child without getting a court order to do so, as long as the "marriage" took place prior to the birth of the child and one of the women gave birth.

The **Pennsylvania Medical Society** has announced its support for the misnamed

"Fairness Act" - HB 1510 and SB 974 -- which would add sexual orientation, gender identity or expression to the PA Human Relations Act, impacting employment, housing and public accommodations.

The blue, pink and white **transgender Pride flag** was raised in a public ceremony on June 9 at the northeast corner of Philadelphia City Hall. It marked the opening day of the 15th-annual Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, held at the PA Convention Center.

A federal indictment was handed down accusing Sen. **Lawrence Farnese Jr.** (D-1st) of bribery and other crimes.

**News from National Scene**

A group of 20 Republican members of the **Michigan House of Representatives** have introduced legislation aimed at requiring people to use government bathrooms based on their biological sex.

After six weeks' evaluation, New Jersey-based **Braeburn Pharmaceuticals** says it will build a \$20 million manufacturing and research center in Durham County,

North Carolina. The 50 new jobs paying an average of nearly \$76,000 a year were announced just before state officials passed House Bill 2 in March. Braeburn said the law caused it to re-evaluate.

The **National Park Service** announced it would add two "gay" historic sites to the National Register of Historic Places: The Furies Collective house in Washington, DC and Stonewall Inn in Greenwich.

TN Governor Bill Haslam signed the **Therapist Conscience Rights** bill into law. It allows licensed mental health practitioners to be able to refer a client when not doing so would violate their sincerely held religious beliefs.

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