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News From Around PA

PA Supreme Court **Justice Michael Eakin** tendered his resignation on Tuesday.

Philly **Mayor Jim Kenney**, along with 21 other mayors, are calling on the legislature to pass the so-called "Fairness Act" (HB 1510 and SB 974) which would force Christian business owners to celebrate same-sex "marriages" and allow men who think they are women in the women's restroom.

A judge has agreed to let **Second Mile**, the charity founded by convicted former Penn State coach Jerry Sandusky, to dissolve. Some \$750,000 in remaining assets will be turned over to the attorney general's office, which regulates charities.

Governor Wolf has signed an **executive order** raising the minimum wage to \$10.15 per hour for state workers and those with contracts with the state. In reality, it impacts half of one percent (about 450) of the entire 79,000 state employee workforce and several hundred more employees covered under contracts with the state.

News from National Scene

NY Board of Regents is clearing the path for **DREAMers**-illegal immigrants brought to the US by their parents as children - to get teacher certificates.

The **House Freedom Caucus** led the way in blocking a budget plan backed by GOP leaders. Many conservatives oppose the additional \$46 billion in higher spending that the deal with Obama permits for the upcoming 2017 appropriations bills.

The **US House** voted to authorize the filing of a legal brief to the US Supreme Court case examining Obama's executive actions on immigration.

Secretary of State John Kerry has declared ISIS is

committing genocide against Christians and other religious minorities.

The Senate voted 96-0 to cite **Backpage.com**, the country's largest online classified ad marketplace for sex services, for contempt of Congress after CEO Carl Ferrer refused to cooperate in an investigation into human trafficking.

New York City's Human Rights Law makes it illegal for employers, housing providers and public accommodations to deny a man who thinks he is a woman, or vice versa, use of the bathroom and other facilities of his/her choice. The fine is up to \$250,000!

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