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News From Around PA

Update on **Cabela's case** in Hamburg, PA: A federal judge has rejected a request by the U.S. Dept. of Justice to avoid ruling on the legality of the Americans with Disabilities Act's exclusion of gender-identity disorder as a protected disability.

Attorney General Kathleen Kane's law license has been suspended due to the criminal charges against her. She continues performing her administrative duties.

The **House Judiciary Committee** has voted out a constitutional amendment for merit selection of state appellate court judges. This would take the voter out of the process of selecting judges. The process would give the governor the power to choose judges which

would in turn be confirmed by the State Senate. This is how federal judges are chosen - the President chooses and the US Senate confirms or denies the choice. It will be a two year plus process before it is before the voters for a vote.

Mercy Suburban Hospital in East Norriton (Montgomery County) has agreed to pay \$25,000 to settle the complaint of an HIV-positive woman who allegedly was denied medical treatment because of her diagnosis.

WHYY, the **Independence Visitor Center** Corporation and Equality Forum are working on a documentary tracing "gay" history.

News from National Scene

By a vote of 240-191 the House approved the reauthorization of the Washington voucher program - **DC Opportunity Scholarship**.

A coalition of 24 states and a coal mining company filed lawsuits to challenge the EPA rule for power plants. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is leading the fight. PA is not part of the coalition.

Senate Democrats block a bill designed to stop "**sanctuary cities**" that do not enforce federal immigration laws.

Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** is opening the door to changing the filibuster rule.

The military may be **shredding documents** that could indicate whether or not women received special treatment while attempting to become the first female Army Rangers.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon promised that homosexual and transgender rights would advance at the UN despite the strain it will cause within the organization and between states.

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