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News From Around PA

A new report by the US Dept. of Treasury shows **same-sex "married" couples** made up just 0.35 percent of all married couples in 2014. In PA it was only 0.26 percent out of more than 2.25 million married couples in 2014. Remember Judge John Jones struck down PA's Defense of Marriage Act May 20, 2014.

The PA Supreme Court has rejected a motion by plaintiffs to return the question of **a constitutional amendment** raising the retirement age of judges from 70 to 75 to the Commonwealth Court. Plaintiffs have not given up and will refile the case in Commonwealth Court.

House Bill 880 passed in February 2016, delaying the implementation of the **Keystone graduation requirement** until the 2018-

2019 school year. This would require all high school seniors in PA to take and pass tests in Algebra I, Biology, and Language Arts in order to earn a diploma. The PA Dept. of Ed is ignoring the law and issuing directives to local school districts to use the Keystone Exams now for graduation if they want!

The White House recently sponsored an **LGBT Summit** in Pittsburgh. It was attended by 130 PA LGBT activists. US departments of Health and Human Services, Justice, Agriculture and Housing and Urban Development shared information about their current LGBT initiatives.

The **Senate Government Committee** has postponed a Sept. 26th hearing on two homosexual special rights bills - SB 974 and SB 1316.

News from National Scene

The Obama Administration will create a **new national monument** covering 4,913 square miles not far off the New England coast. Fishermen will be banned from taking crabs, lobsters, squid and, of course, fish. Oil tankers can still travel the

waters and cable can still be laid by telecommunications companies. New England fishermen will lose about \$50 million annually.

US House leaders averted a vote on whether to **impeach IRS Commissioner** John Koskinen by offering to appease conservatives with an impeachment hearing next week in the Judiciary Committee.

The **National Collegiate Athletic Association** (NCAA) announced it will pull all league tournaments and championship games out of North Carolina because that state requires using the bathroom that corresponds to an individual's biological sex!

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