that would expand PA’s Ethnic Intimidation statute to include police, firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

A four year battle in Shickshinny Borough in Luzerne County has ended. A resident sued the borough claiming it violated the "constitutionally-mandated" separation of church and state by allowing the installation of a directional sign for a church in the right-of-way of the road near her home. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the sign was constitutional.

**News from National Scene**

Alabama’s bathroom bill, called the Alabama Privacy Act, would put attendants in mixed gender public bathrooms to guard against potential "molestation, assault and battery."

Backpage.com closed down its adult classified ad section in the US the same day the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations released a joint staff report accusing the company of knowingly sanitizing online ads by deleting code words such as 'innocent,' 'cheerleader,' and 'amber alert' to conceal child sex trafficking.

**California** has banned official travel to North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kansas because of their "anti-LGBT laws" i.e. laws that protect Christian business owners and counselors and restrict bathroom usage to the individual's biological sex.

The U.S. Department of Justice has asked a federal appeals court to overturn a judge’s ruling that suspended enforcement of Obama’s order allowing transgender students and workers to use the bathroom of their choice.

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