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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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