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**News From Around PA**

Orphans' Court Judge George Overton ruled that a homosexual couple was in a **common-law marriage** dating back to July 4, 1990. Overton's ruling means the surviving "widower" will receive the deceased 'spouse's' Social Security benefits.

**Cato Institute's** Fiscal Policy Report Card on America's Governors gave 10 governors an 'F' because of their inability to cut taxes and spending. PA Governor Tom Wolf was one of them!

PA is one of five states in non-compliance with the **Real ID Act**. Come 2018, residents of Oklahoma, Kentucky, Maine, Pennsylvania and South Carolina might not be allowed to board commercial flights with only state driver's licenses and would

instead be required to use an alternative form of ID. Concerns about federal government overreach and collecting too much information on citizens are behind the states not compliance. More than a dozen states, including PA, have passed laws blocking Real ID implementation.

**News from National Scene**

A U.S. appellate court panel stripped the unilateral authority from the unelected and unaccountable head of the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**, a bureau created by Dodd-Frank.

**CoverGirl** wants customers to know their new mascara is "open to everyone" as they announce James Charles as their first "cover boy."

Johns Hopkins Medicine's pro-gay positions are not pro-gay enough as the **Human Rights Campaign** is placing pressure on them to denounce the article written by John Hopkins researchers Dr. Lawrence Mayer and Dr. Paul McHugh which found there's very little science to support the idea of a "gay gene." This attack is a threat to academic freedom.

Four Massachusetts churches are suing to overturn a **public accommodations law** that includes "gender identity" language. The law affects churches if they hold "secular" events like "a spaghetti supper." Fines can total \$2,500 — plus legal expenses if churches are sued — and violators face up to a year in jail. Thus, if a man who thinks he is a woman attends these functions, the church must allow him to use the women's bathroom!

**Vanderbilt University Medical Center**, Tennessee's highest-ranked hospital, will be out of network for all Obamacare customers, after Blue Cross's abrupt withdrawal from the state's insurance marketplace.

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