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Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in!

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News From Around PA

Senator Larry Farnese (D-Philly) has vowed to reintroduce a bill next session that would disallow the use of a “LGBT-panic defense.” This has been used by some who negatively reacted to unwanted romantic advances by someone who identifies as homosexual or transgender.

Lancaster City Council voted 6-1 to amend a city ordinance in favor of **decriminalizing marijuana**. It now classifies possession or usage as a summary offense instead of a misdemeanor.

Rep. Mike Kelly’s (R-PA-16) **Family Savings Account Act** has passed in the US House and now goes to the Senate. It gives parents, grandparents, or other relatives the opportunity to open a 529 plan for an unborn child and begin to

save for that child’s education. It also allows homeschool parents to participate in 529 education savings accounts. Additionally, it allows people to withdraw money from their retirement funds -- without penalty -- if it’s specifically used to pay for the costs associated with raising a child.

As part of their restructuring efforts, **Philadelphia Gay Men’s Chorus** has partnered with the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts to bring in circus artists to perform with them. Additionally, they will be visiting 5 to 7 schools in the Philly area. They are also developing a music curriculum for school visits.

News From National Scene

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission has revoked the liquor permit of **Sharkey’s Bar**, a strip club in Harrison Township. Over a course of 5 months, undercover agents had been able to exchange \$2,404.87 in food stands for drugs and lap dances.

In the first meeting of a US House Judiciary subcommittee since the US

Supreme Court cleared the way for states to legalize **sports betting**, GOP members expressed concerns about advertisements and online gambling platforms targeting minors, as well as the potential for match-fixing.

Freedom from Religion Foundation has criticized **Judge Roy Moore** for advising Alabama schools districts that Eleventh Circuit precedent has deemed student messages before athletic events, religious or otherwise, as constitutional.

Louisiana may continue to require basic health and safety standards for **abortion facilities**, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

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