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## Question: Do SB 613 & HB 1410 Really Affect Bathrooms and Showers?

Language just like that in SB 613 & HB 1410 - which some name the so-called "Fairness" Act - has forced open sex-specific bathrooms and showers to those of the opposite biological sex in states and cities across the country. Here's how:

While those laws don't specifically use the words "bathrooms" or "showers," they force them open by requiring that "facilities," "accommodations," "privileges," and "advantages" be provided at public accommodations irrespective of "gender identity" or "sexual orientation." That's exactly the language that the proposed "Fairness" Act uses to change our current PA Human Relations Act. Simply put, this proposed change would apply to locker rooms, restrooms and showers:



The proposed "Fairness" Act states that it is discrimination to:

*"Refuse, withhold from, or deny to any person because of race, color, sex, **sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religious creed, ancestry, national origin or handicap or disability, or to any person due to use of a guide or support animal because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals, either directly or indirectly, any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges of such public accommodation, resort or amusement."***

This is the same language that was used by other states to open up their locker rooms, showers, and restrooms. Here are just two examples:

**MAINE:** "[f]or any public accommodation or any person who is the owner, lessor, lessee, proprietor, operator, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation to directly or indirectly refuse, discriminate against or in any manner withhold from or deny the full and equal enjoyment to any person, on account of race or color, sex, **sexual orientation**, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, any of the **accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, services or privileges of public accommodation**, or in any manner discriminate against any person in the price, terms or conditions upon which access to accommodation, advantages, facilities, goods, services and privileges may depend."

**WASHINGTON STATE:** "The right to be free from discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, honorably discharged veteran or military status, **sexual orientation**, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability is recognized as and declared to be a civil right. This right shall include, but not be limited to the right to the full enjoyment of any of the **accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges** of any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement;"

**Tell your State Senator and State Representative:**

**No on SB613 & HB1410**



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