



Issue: LGBTQ rights and Legislation in VA

Background

HB 2025, known as the Religious Freedom Bill, passed with a 57-37 vote. This bill protects pastors who refuse services to same-sex couples. This bill can also be interpreted as denying same sex couples rights at any parochial programs such as schools or hospitals.

A second bill, SB 1324 gives taxpayer-funded agencies (homeless shelters, adoption agencies) a license to discriminate against LGBTQ people under the guise of religion.

Republican Position

Republicans voted for HB 2025 and SB 1424.

Republicans are frustrated that the Governor vetoes their bills to discriminate against LGBTQ individuals.

Democratic Position

Democrats voted against HB2025 because of its discrimination.

The VA Democratic Governor vetoed HB2025.

Democrats voted against SB 1424.

Democrats support LGBTQ rights.