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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 899

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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE FOR SAME SEX COUPLES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any other  
4 provision of law, a religious organization, association or society, or any  
5 nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or

6 controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization,  
7 association or society, shall not be required to provide services,  
8 accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges to an  
9 individual if the request for such services, accommodations,  
10 advantages, facilities, goods or privileges is related to the  
11 solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage and such  
12 solemnization or celebration is in violation of their religious beliefs and  
13 faith. Any refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages,  
14 facilities, goods or privileges in accordance with this section shall not  
15 create any civil claim or cause of action, or result in any state action to  
16 penalize or withhold benefits from such religious organization,  
17 association or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization  
18 operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a  
19 religious organization, association or society.

20 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The marriage laws of this  
21 state shall not be construed to affect the ability of a fraternal benefit  
22 society to determine the admission of members as provided in section  
23 38a-598 of the general statutes or to determine the scope of  
24 beneficiaries in accordance with section 38a-636 of the general statutes,  
25 and shall not require a fraternal benefit society that has been  
26 established and is operating for charitable and educational purposes  
27 and which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection  
28 with a religious organization to provide insurance benefits to any  
29 person if to do so would violate the fraternal benefit society's free  
30 exercise of religion as guaranteed by the first amendment to the  
31 Constitution of the United States and section 3 of article first of the  
32 Constitution of the state.

33 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Nothing in this act shall be  
34 deemed or construed to affect the manner in which a religious  
35 organization may provide adoption, foster care or social services if  
36 such religious organization does not receive state or federal funds."