



Urgent Christian Action Alert

***Christian values are under serious attack in the North Carolina legislature.
Your help is needed!***

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"The only lasting cure for evil and injustice is Christian action."

Dear Friend,

Your Christian values are seriously under attack in North Carolina. This year some incredibly egregious legislation has been proposed. If any of this legislation passes, we should all be deeply concerned about what it means for our children and our grandchildren.

Consider the following:

Homosexuality and Sex-Ed in the Public Schools

HB 548 and SB 526, The School Violence Prevention Act (the Bullying Bill) would require local school boards to amend their existing bullying policies to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression". The measure would not only create a protected status in North Carolina's public schools for homosexuality, bisexuality, cross dressing and other alternative sexual behaviors, but would also require schools to teach these behaviors are normal and acceptable.

HB 88 – The Healthy Youth Act would supplant Abstinence Until Marriage (AUM) sex education as the standard for North Carolina's children with Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE). While the current standard, the AUM curriculum teaches "a mutually faithful monogamous heterosexual relationship in the context of marriage is the best lifelong means of avoiding sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS," CSE would teach "respect for marriage and committed relationships" - opening the door to present unmarried heterosexual relationships as well as homosexual, bisexual and multi-partner relationships as equal with traditional marriage. CSE would become the standard for North Carolina's children; meaning that unless a parent intervenes requesting their child take AUM, then the child would be placed directly into CSE. CSE should not be the standard sex education curriculum for North Carolina's children!

Alcohol Sales and the Lord's Day

SB 921 - ABC Board Sunday Sales/Local Option would open North Carolina's ABC stores on Sunday. Since the end of prohibition days, North Carolina has never opened its state-owned stores for liquor sales on the Lord's Day. Moreover, today we have real data that demonstrates that blue laws actually protect the public's health. The repeal of a ban on Sunday sales of alcohol in New Mexico was followed by a 29% increase in alcohol-related crashes on Sunday and a 42% increase in alcohol-related traffic deaths. The Christian Action League agrees with Rep. Ray Warren (D-Alexander), who recently told the Charlotte Observer, "Sunday is a day set aside for worship and family time together and the sale of alcohol on that day is not warranted or needed."

HB 768 and SB 839 – Modernization of the ABC System contain a provision that would allow for "Agency" Liquor Stores that needs to be amended out. This provision would allow the State ABC system to contract with a retail outlet such as Harris Teeter or Food Lion, etc. to sale liquor. This change in North Carolina's ABC system would be the first step toward privatization of liquor sales in the Tar Heel State.

HB 667 – Winery Sales Changes - would allow wineries to sell wine in localities where no ABC election has authorized the sale of wine. The legislation could affect up to 36 wineries in 19 counties, eight of which already allow unfortified wine sales, but not fortified wine. The bill would allow wineries to circumvent the ABC laws and basically ignore the results of local option referenda. Further, it could open the door for other businesses in the same jurisdictions to demand wine sales as well.

SB7 – Allow Hunting on Sunday would repeal North Carolina's 140 year old prohibition on Sunday hunting. The legislation would unquestionably compromise the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreational activities on Sunday, disrupt church services in many rural areas, discourage family time, intensify the pressure on North Carolina's wildlife, and strain the State's Wildlife Resources Commission services.

North Carolina's Constitution Needs a Marriage Amendment

For five years, legislation that would allow North Carolinians to vote on a definition of marriage as "one man and one woman" and placed in their State's Constitution has been suppressed in Committee and not allowed a hearing. North Carolina remains the only State in the southeastern United States that has not included a definition of marriage in its Constitution. Without a marriage amendment, a judge in North Carolina could redefine the institution to include same-sex marriage. **HB 361 and SB 272 – Defense of Marriage** would both protect traditional marriage in our State from judicial activism.

As you can see, the challenge is stupendous. Unless Christians engage this year by taking their citizenship to new levels of being "salt" and "light" as Christ commanded, the legislation codified or the lack of legislation enacted could bring a darkness unlike anything we've ever seen North Carolina.

It is imperative that you share this letter with your friends, your church, your pastor, and your colleagues at work. Be sure that you keep up with what's happening by regularly visiting our web site at www.christianactionleague.org. By going to our web site, you can sign up for our *Weekly Issues Update*. It's also critical that you contact your State legislators in the House and Senate and tell them that you oppose these bad pieces of legislation and that they need to support, as well as use their powers to get a fair hearing on the Marriage Amendment bills.

Like young David we are matched against a Goliath, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world (I John 4:4). But remember: Faith without works is dead (James 2:17).

God Bless,

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