# LIBERTY CITY

LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

# Legislative Scorecard

Holding our Legislators Accountable

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### Purpose and Methodology of the Legislative Scorecard

The Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club is proud to issue this legislative scorecard which rates members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly from Philadelphia and the southeast region of the state on their support for legislation important in moving our Commonwealth towards LGBT equality.

We hope that this legislative scorecard will be a resource for constituents, voters, advocates, and the media who wish to better understand which legislators are allies of the LGBT community, and which still need convincing.

Our scores are based on the support each legislator has given to a series of targeted pieces of legislation which are priorities of Liberty City and the LGBT community. Due to the conservative nature of the legislature, there have been no votes on any these bills so far in the 2013-2014 session. Therefore, we have scored each legislator on whether or not they have signed on as a cosponsor of the legislation. A cosponsor is a senator or representative who officially adds his or her name as a supporter to the bill. Legislators are given credit if they have cosponsored a targeted bill by the time this report was issued.

The House and the Senate are two separate chambers that each have their own agenda, and not all legislation is the same in each chamber. In both houses, we have targeted a non-discrimination bill, a hate crimes bill, a marriage equality bill, and a bill banning conversion therapy for minors.

However, the Senate has not yet introduced any anti-bullying legislation, while there were several anti-bullying bills in the House. We decided to target HB 156 (The PASS Act) in the House because it is youth led, inclusive of the LGBT community, comprehensive in scope, bi-partisan, and stands the best chance of passing.

Additionally, we targeted a bill in the House that would repeal DOMA in the state of Pennsylvania. Although our priority is marriage equality, we have decided to include this legislation because it is an incremental step towards full relationship equality. On the Senate side, we targeted SB 1064, a bill that reforms the unusually onerous name change process in the state, which would be a great benefit to the transgender community.

There are still 9 months left in the 2013-1014 legislative session, so think of this scorecard as a mid-term report. It is our goal to see scores of our legislators in the region improve when we re-issue this report at the end of the session. All legislators that wish to improve their scores are encouraged to reach out to Liberty City at info@libertycity.org and work with us to support legislation that moves Pennsylvania towards LGBT equality.

### Pennsylvania House of Representatives

### The House Bills We Scored

#### HB 300 – Non-Discrimination Bill

This bill amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. It was introduced by Representative Dan Frankel (D) of Pittsburgh.

#### HB 156 – Anti-Bullying Bill

Known as the Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act (or the PASS Act), this bill amends the Public School Code of 1949 to enhance the ways that Pennsylvania school districts prevent and respond to bullying in schools. It was introduced by Representative Dan Truitt (R) of Chester County and was developed in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition (PSEC).

#### **HB 1686 – Marriage Equality Act**

This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to re-define the definition of marriage as a civil contract between two people who enter into matrimony, and eliminate the current prohibition against same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania. It was introduced by Representative Brian Sims (D) of Philadelphia.

#### HB 1647 – Repeal of Pennsylvania DOMA

This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to repeal the Pennsylvania Defense of Marriage Act (PA DOMA) and to recognize all same sex marriages made in other states and other countries. It was introduced by Representative Mark Cohen (D) of Philadelphia.

### HB 1811 – Conversion Therapy Ban

This bill prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual under 18 years of age. It was introduced by Representative Brian Sims (D) of Philadelphia.

#### **HB 177 - Hate Crimes Statute**

This bill amends Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to expand the offense of ethnic intimidation to include malicious intention against the actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. It was introduced by Representative Brendan Boyle (D) of Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Representative (Party)		Score	HB 300	HB 156	HB 1686	HB 1647	HB 1811	HB 177
Philadelphia								
169	Ed Neilson (D)	100%	<b></b>	left	$lefootrom{\checkmark}$	lefootnotesize	left	left
170	Brendan Boyle (D)	83%	$\mathbf{Z}$		lefoonline	lefoon	lefootnotesize	$\mathbf{\underline{\checkmark}}$
172	Kevin Boyle (D)	100%	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefoot	lefoonline	lefoon	lefootnotesize	$\mathbf{\underline{\checkmark}}$
173	Mike McGeehan (D)	50%	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefootnotesize				
174	John Sabatina (D)	33%	lacksquare	lefootnotesize				
175	Mike O'Brien (D)	100%	lacksquare	lefootnotesize	lefoonline	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize
177	John Taylor (R)	50%	lacksquare	lefootnotesize				lefootnotesize
179	James Clay (D)	50%	<b>∀</b>		$\checkmark$		left	
180	Angel Cruz (D)	33%	<b>∀</b>					
181	Curtis Thomas (D)	83%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	$\checkmark$		left	lefootnotesize
182	Brian Sims (D)	83%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	$\checkmark$		left	lefootnotesize
184	Bill Keller (D)	17%	lefootnotesize					
185	Maria Donatucci (D)	50%	≰					left
186	Jordan Harris (D)	83%	≰		$\checkmark$			left
188	James Roebuck (D)	67%	≰		$\checkmark$			
190	Vanessa Lowery Brown (D)	83%	≰	lefoons	lefoons		left	lefoons
191	Ron Waters (D)	17%	≰					
192	Louise Williams Bishop (D)	50%	lefootnotesize	lefoons				lefoons
194	Pam Delissio (D)	33%	lefootnotesize	lefoons				
195	Michelle Brownlee (D)	100%	lefootnotesize	lefoons	lefoons	lefoons	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefoons
197	JP Miranda (D)	17%	≰					
198	Rosita Youngblood (D)	67%	<b>⋖</b>		lefoons		left	left
200	Charelle Parker (D)	100%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	lefoons	lefootnotesize	left	left
201	Stephen Kinsey (D)	100%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	lefoons	lefootnotesize	left	left
202	Mark Cohen (D)	100%	≰	left	$\checkmark$	left	left	left
203	Dwight Evans (D)	17%	<b>∀</b>					

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Delaware County								
159	Thaddeus Kirkland (D)	17%	丞					
160	Stephen Barrar (R)	17%		$\mathbf{Z}$				
161	Joe Hackett (R)	17%		lefootnotesize				
162	Nick Miccarelli (R)	17%		$\mathbf{Z}$				
163	Nicholas Micozzie (R)	17%		$\mathbf{Z}$				
164	Margo Davidson (D)	33%	$\mathbf{Z}$	$\mathbf{S}$				
165	William Adolph (R)	0%						
166	Greg Vitali (D)	17%	<b>∀</b>					
Chester County								
13	John Lawrence (R)	0%						
26	Tim Hennessey (R)	17%		<b>∀</b>				
155	Becky Corbin (R)	17%		_ <b>∀</b>				
156	Dan Truitt (R)	17%		$lefootrom{\checkmark}$				
157	Warren Kampf (R)	17%	<b>∀</b>					
158	Chris Ross (R)	33%		lefootnotesize	$lefootrom{\checkmark}$			
167	Duane Milne (R)	0%						
168	Thomas Killion (R)	33%	<b>∀</b>	$lefootnote{\checkmark}$				
Buc	:ks County							
18	Gene DiGirolamo (R)	17%		$\mathbf{G}$				
29	Bernie O'Neill (R)	17%		left				
31	Steven Santarsiero (D)	67%	<b>∀</b>	lefootnotesize	$lefootrom{\checkmark}$			lefootnotesize
140	John Galloway (D)	17%	_ <b>∀</b>					
141	Tina Davis (D)	67%	_ <b>∀</b>	<u>✓</u>			<u>~</u>	<u>~</u>

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142 143 144 145 178	Frank Farry (R) Marguerite Quinn (R) Katharine Watson (R) Paul Clymer (R) Scott Petri (R)	0% 50% 33% 0% 33%					<b>y</b>	
Montgomery County								
53	Robert Godshall (R)	0%						
61	Kate Harper (R)	17%	lefoonline					
70	Matthew Bradford (D)	83%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	lefoons		lefootnotesize	lefoons
146	Mark Painter (D)	100%	lefoonline	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefoonline	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefoons	lefootnotesize
147	Marcy Toepel (R)	0%						
148	Mary Jo Daley (D)	50%	lefootnotesize		lefoonline	lefootnotesize		
149	Tim Briggs (D)	67%	lefootnotesize	lefootnotesize	lefoonline		lefootnotesize	
150	Mike Vereb (R)	17%						
151	Todd Stephens (R)	33%	lefootnotesize	$\mathbf{G}$				
152	Thomas Murt (R)	50%	lefootnotesize	$\mathbf{Z}$				$\mathbf{Z}$
153	Madeleine Dean (D)	67%	lefootnotesize	$\mathbf{Z}$	lefoons		lefootnotesize	
154	Steve McCarter (D)	100%	<b>∀</b>	lefoonline	<b>∀</b>	lefoonline	<b>∀</b>	lacksquare

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### The Pennsylvania Senate

### The Senate Bills We Scored

#### SB 300 – Non-Discrimination Bill

This bill amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. It is the companion bill to HB 300 in the House, and was introduced by Senators Patrick Brown (R) of Lehigh County and Larry Farnese (D) of Philadelphia.

#### SB 719 – Marriage Equality Act

This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for full, equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in Pennsylvania. It was introduced by Senator Daylin Leach (D) of Montgomery County.

#### SB 872 – Conversion Therapy Ban

This bill prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual under 18 years of age. It was introduced by Senator Anthony Williams (D) of Philadelphia.

#### SB 42 - Hate Crimes Statute

This bill amends Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to expand the offense of ethnic intimidation to include malicious intention against the actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. It was introduced by Senator Jim Ferlo (D) of Pittsburgh.

#### SB 1064 - Reform of Name Change Process

This bill amends Title 54 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to reform the name change process in Pennsylvania making it easier and less costly for citizens, including members of the transgender community, to officially change their name. It was introduced by Senator Larry Farnese (D) of Philadelphia.

### The Pennsylvania Senate

Senator (Party)		Score	SB300	SB719	SB872	SB42	SB1064
Ph 1 2 3 4 5 7 8	iladelphia  Larry Farnese (D) Christine Tartaglione (D) Shirley Kitchen (D) Leanna Washington (D) Michael Stack (D) Vincent Hughes (D) Anthony Williams (D)	100% 60% 40% 80% 100% 80%	\(\text{\tint{\text{\tin}\text{\tex{\tex				
<b>De</b> 9 26	lware  Dominic Pileggi (R)  Edwin Erickson (R)	0% 0%		0		0	0
<b>Ch</b> 19 44	<b>ester</b> Andrew Dinniman (D) John Rafferty (R)	20% 0%	<b>Y</b>	0	0		0
<b>Bu</b> 6 10	<b>cks</b> Robert Tomlinson (R) Charles McIlhinney (R)	0% 20%	□ <b>∀</b>	0	0	0	0

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SB 300 Non-Discrimination Bill
SB 719 Marriage Equality Act
SB 872 Conversion Therapy Ban
SB 42 Hate Crimes Statute
SB 1064 Name Change Reform
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☐ Legislator did not cosponsor

The Pennsylvania Senate

Senator (Party)		Score	SB300	SB719	SB872	SB42	SB1064
Мо	ntgomery						
12 17 24	Stewart Greenleaf (R) Daylin Leach (D) Bob Mensch (R)	0% 100% 0%	□ <b>∀</b>	□ <b>∀</b>	□ <b>∀</b> □	□ <b>∀</b>	□ <b>∀</b>



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### **Acknowlegements**

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### **About Liberty City**

Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club is a political action committee which seeks to register, educate, and mobilize LGBT voters, elect openly LGBT candidates for public and party office, support LGBT friendly candidates and work to oust anti-LGBT office-holders, promote legislative issues of importance to the LGBT community, and provide a forum for LGBT voters to meet candidates and officeholders.

For more information, visit us at www.libertycity.org.