

OPPOSE - Equal Access to ALL Public Places - HB1589 Reps. Sciortino & Rushing Transgender Bathroom Bill

- This bill is a radical assault on the right to privacy and safety of all women and children on behalf of special interest groups who can be accommodated otherwise.
- Nothing would prevent a sexual predator from pretending that he is confused about his sex to gain access to vulnerable women and children in what should be safe spaces for their accommodation and health.
- There is no generally accepted definition for “gender” or “expression,” which would cause chaos in the inevitable swirl of litigation, as activists press for entry into the most private spaces of the opposite sex.
- The word “gender” (as opposed to “sex”) is dangerously vague. The new definition of gender is “socially constructed roles,” unrelated to biology. The term denies immutable biological differences between the sexes and places women and children at risk from biological males.
- Proprietors of any public accommodation are prohibited from discriminating against persons of any sex, or sexual orientation, in the full enjoyment of accommodations offered to the general public. The current law has exceptions for single-sex rest rooms, bathhouses, seashore facilities, fitness facilities, corporations established for the benefit of a single sex, and single-sex rooming houses. HB1589 would remove all those exceptions.
- Questions remain about whether churches and hospitals would be considered places of public accommodation. A Catholic hospital in California was sued by a man who was denied breast augmentation surgery. In Massachusetts, we have already witnessed a Catholic charity being forced to stop providing adoption services after same-sex marriage became public policy.
- If a father and his young daughter went to a public accommodation and the young girl needed to use the ladies room, her own father could not go in with her, but a man with gender identity disorder could.
- Transgenderism is treated as a disorder by the American Psychiatric Association in its [Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders](#). Transgenderism is considered a Gender Identity Disorder. Public policy should not normalize a psychiatric disorder.