

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1597

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to business; permitting business  
8 entities to refuse services to certain persons or  
9 groups; barring civil or criminal fines for refusal;  
10 providing immunity from civil liability; defining  
11 term; providing for codification; and providing an  
12 effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1001 of Title 25, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. No business entity shall be required to provide any  
18 services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or  
19 privileges related to any lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender  
20 person, group or association.

21 B. The refusal of a business entity to engage in any activity  
22 described in subsection A of this section shall not result in a  
23 civil or criminal fine under state or local law based upon the  
24 refusal.

1 C. Any business entity refusing to engage in an activity  
2 described in subsection A of this section shall be immune from civil  
3 liability for any damages caused by said refusal.

4 D. As used in this section, "business entity" means a person,  
5 partnership, general partnership, limited partnership, corporation,  
6 limited liability company or any other entity conducting lawful  
7 activity which is organized pursuant to the laws of the state or  
8 which is authorized to do business in the state if organized under  
9 the laws of another jurisdiction.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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