

## TWO UNINTENDED (?) CONSEQUENCES OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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Civil unions have now been made legal in Connecticut and same-sex partners have the opportunity to afford themselves of all the legal protections of marriage. Now H.B. 7395 seeks to eliminate, in a few strokes, the traditional and trans-cultural definition of marriage as being a covenantal union of one man and one woman. But before this action is contemplated it would be wise to consider the consequences of same-sex marriage in Canada and in Massachusetts.

In Canada, in the short time since same-sex marriage has been legalized court action has already been forwarded contesting the legal restrictions against polygamy. The rationale for these court actions are a direct extension of the reasoning used to advance same-sex marriage. If marriage is to be afforded to any two persons who seek such a legal union, then on what logical basis is it to be denied to any three—or four—persons who, for whatever reasons, seek such a union. Once marriage has been removed from its basic binary formulation of a man and a woman entering a solemn covenantal union, who is anyone or any legislative body to limit it? Emotive arguments of self-defined love and the pain of “discrimination” attached to polygamy are being advanced in these cases just as they have here in Connecticut for same-sex marriage. The key point here is that this is not wild speculation, but is actually happening in Canada as a direct result of the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Furthermore, there is a growing advocacy network in this country called “Beyond Marriage” that includes signatories from within and without the gay community. This network is actively calling for a legal definition of family to include “households in which there is more than one conjugal partner.” These are the next steps of a movement that is now publicly clothed in calls for equality in marriage for a discriminated minority—legalized polygamy and polyamory. The ultimate actual goal, stated on the website [www.BeyondMarriage.org](http://www.BeyondMarriage.org) is “freedom from state regulation of our sexual lives and gender choices, identities and expression.”

This goal is seen in Massachusetts, where court-mandated same-sex marriage has opened the door to a radical push for homosexual sex education in the public schools. In Lexington, a man by the name of David Parker requested that his **kindergarten** son be excused from this homosexual indoctrination. Mr. Parker’s basic and reasonable parental request was denied by school officials and when he refused to retract it, he was not only denied, but arrested. He was not requesting a change in the curriculum; he was simply requesting that he be notified so that his six year old son could be absented from such indoctrination. Mr. Parker was not only arrested, but in his civil case the judge stated that Mr. Parker vacated his rights of input on these matters when he **chose** to send his son to public school. These basic losses of parental rights and freedom are a direct consequence of legalized same-sex marriage in Massachusetts, opening the door to an aggressive agenda of homosexual indoctrination of our youngest and most impressionable citizens.

The state has, over the centuries, regulated marriage for the common good of society. The bill before this committee would not benignly open marriage to a “discriminated minority,” but would rather begin the process of ending marriage and family in any recognizable form and would be to the great detriment of the welfare of the citizens of this state.