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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE FOR SAME SEX COUPLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, no church or qualified church-controlled
5 organization, as defined in 26 USC 3121, shall be required to provide
6 services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges to
7 an individual if the request for such services, accommodations,
8 advantages, facilities, goods or privileges is related to the
9 solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage if
10 solemnization or celebration is in violation of their religious beliefs and
11 faith. Any refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages,
12 facilities, goods or privileges in accordance with this section shall not
13 create any civil claim or cause of action, or result in any state action to
14 penalize or withhold benefits from that church or qualified church-
15 controlled organization."