



THE ARIZONA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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INTRODUCED BY: Stephen Herman, MD
SUBJECT: Conversion Therapy

1 Whereas, some therapists and organizations represent that they can change or convert a gay or lesbian
2 individual into someone with an identity as a heterosexual person, and
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4 Whereas, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychiatric
5 Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Psychological
6 Association and many other scientific/medical organizations throughout the world, have declared this so-
7 called therapy harmful, sometimes leading to severe depression and even suicide, and
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9 Whereas, 20 states in this country and other jurisdictions throughout the world have made conversion
10 therapy illegal for individuals under the age of 18; therefore, be it
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12 **Resolved**, that the Arizona Medical Association joins the scientific/medical community throughout the
13 United States and other countries in recognizing the unscientific basis for this harmful process and calls
14 upon the Arizona Legislature to pass legislation making so-called conversion therapy illegal for minors
15 under the age of 18.

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