Louisiana Family Forum Action

Family Security Advisory

2004 Regular and Extraordinary Sessions - LA Senate

1. Elected Officials Can Be Employed By Casinos
   SB 602 - MOUNT
   Allows certain elected public officials to do business with or be employed by riverboat casinos.
   Status: Signed by the governor.

2. Illegal Expansion of Gambling
   SB 859 - DUPRE
   Overrides a parish's local-option ban on gambling by allowing a video poker truck stop to operate.
   Status: Signed by the governor.

3. Louisiana Marriage Amendment
   HB 61 - SCALISE (Final Passage)
   Constitutional Amendment that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
   Status: In the Constitution.

4. Insurance Coverage of Contraceptives
   HB 1211 - (Shepherd Amendment)
   Amendment to a childhood immunization bill mandating that any health insurance plan which offers prescription drug coverage would be required to cover any FDA-approved birth control drug (such as “the morning after pill.”)
   Status: Amendment failed Senate passage.

5. “Clone & Kill” Bill
   SB 74 - HINES (Final Passage)
   Allows for the destruction of human embryos through cloning for research purposes.
   Status: Failed Senate Passage.

6. Comprehensive Human Cloning Ban
   SB 873 - LENTINI - Hines Amendment
   Criminalizes all forms of human cloning, including cloning for reproduction and research.
   Status: Failed Conference Committee Passage.

7. Raising Taxes
   HB 1 - Hammett (2004 Extraordinary Session - Final Passage)
   This bill raised millions of dollars of new taxes upon the citizens of Louisiana.
   Status: Signed by the Governor.

8. Bars Near Churches
   HB 1704 (Conference Amendments)
   Conference committee amendments to HB 1704 expand gambling by creating a loophole to allow a bar or video poker parlor to operate within 500 feet of a church, public library or school.
   Status: Failed Senate passage.

Explanation of Information

Louisiana Family Forum believes elected officials should support policies and programs that protect and promote families and traditional family values in Louisiana.

To accomplish this goal, Louisiana Family Forum Action, the advocacy arm of Louisiana Family Forum, educates the public about legislation, and voting records. Legislators scoring 100% are recognized as Outstanding Family Advocates.