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37th Annual Meeting
September 19-20,
2013

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Future Annual Meetings:
September 19-20, 2013
September 18-19, 2014
September 17-18, 2015

February 15, 2013

Dear Pastor,

Legislation Spotlight

SB701 establishing nondiscrimination in state government hiring based on sexual orientation. The foundation of society is strong families. Efforts to protect lifestyle (“*sin-style*”) choices such as “sexual orientation” weaken this foundation. Unfortunately, so many children are not being taught proper values and, in the guise of “Constitutional equality,” are accepting the idea that people of varying sexual orientations should be protected. Even some in our churches believe this! The unintended consequences are enormous with the most important being the loss of religious freedoms to proclaim and practice biblical Christianity. For more information, please go to <http://www.frc.org/marriage-family#structure> .

In dealing with legislation, there is an expression: “the camel’s nose under the tent.” This means that an area has been opened up that previously had been closed. Those promoting protections “*only in public employment*” for sexual orientation have no intention of stopping there. They will continue to push for: same-sex marriage, protections for sexual orientation in the private sector, teaching acceptance in the public schools, and finally into our churches!

Satan will never stop!

We must stand firm!

Bills on our radar which are still active!

For our “2013 General Assembly Update” of bills we are following, please go to our website or to this link: <http://www.vaib.org/page15294910.aspx>. You can also find immediate status changes at <http://www.facebook.com/VAIB.ORG> .

Some great victories!

- **HB1617 (Todd Gilbert)** prohibiting discrimination of religious student groups by public universities. Bill has passed House and Senate! Now to the Governor!
- **HB 1473 (Ed Scott) & SB709 (Hanger)** exempting concession stands at youth athletic activities from regulations applicable to restaurants. Bills have passed House and Senate! Now to the Governor!
- **SB701** establishing nondiscrimination in state government hiring based on sexual orientation was defeated in the House Committee on General Laws!

Disappointing defeats

- **SJ287 (Constitutional amendment)** providing more clarifying language regarding freedom of speech and religion as related to public schools and other areas. While on the floor of the Senate, this bill was killed when it was re-referred back to a Senate committee.
- **HB1575 (Webert)**. This bill would remove the counting of children of the operator in the total number of children being cared for in that home. PBI in Senate committee due to opposition by certain localities. Maybe next year.

In His Service,

Eddy

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