

## Against expanding the age for misnamed “conversion therapy” ban

The original law is duplicitous. It conflates the old bad practice of trying to “convert” gays to heterosexuality—with the perfectly good practice of counseling people who feel uncomfortable in their bodies, people who might be considering irreversible surgery.

So expanding the law would not in fact protect anyone. It would block access to counseling for a wider swath of people, and prevent counselors from doing their jobs.

Both the original law and the proposed expansion use the historical successes of gay rights efforts to rainbow-wash what is in reality a limiting of counselors and those who seek counseling.