

Local Law Filing

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of Ulster

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2018

A local law Prohibiting Conversion Therapy Upon A Minor Within Ulster County
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Ulster County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Ulster

as follows:

Full text enclosed.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. ³ _____ of 20¹⁸ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Ulster _____ was duly passed by the Ulster County Legislature _____ on June 19 20¹⁸, and was (approved)(~~not approved~~) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ County Executive _____ and was deemed duly adopted (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) on July 20 20¹⁸, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. (Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)


I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2 above.


Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: 7/20/18

(Seal)

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BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS.

The purpose of this Local Law is to ensure the physical and psychological well-being of minors by protecting Ulster County youth from nefarious and unsubstantiated quasi-medical practices.

The Ulster County Legislature finds that there is significant and substantial evidence that reparative, otherwise known as conversion therapy, causes serious psychological harm to minors who have been exposed to sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts including higher instances of depression, anxiety, substance abuse and even suicide.

The Ulster County Legislature further finds that Conversion Therapy has been discredited by virtually every American medical, psychiatric, psychological and professional counseling organization including: American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American College of Physicians, American Counseling Association, American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychoanalytic Association, American Psychological Association, American School Counselor Association, American School Health Association, National Association of Social Workers, World Health Organization and the World Psychiatric Association.

The Ulster County Legislature strives to promote an inclusive and supportive culture, ensuring all visitors and residents of Ulster County feel welcome. The Ulster County Legislature desires to show solidarity with the nine states and numerous cities and counties throughout the country, including New York City and Erie County within New York State, by recognizing the harm Conversion Therapy causes children and young adults by enacting a Local Law which bans the practice in Ulster County.

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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

A. "Conversion Therapy" means any formal treatment that aims to change sexual orientation and gender identity of a minor. This includes attempting to change a person's sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual as well as from heterosexual to homosexual.

B. "Minor" means any person less than eighteen (18) years of age.

C. "Reparative Therapy" has the same meaning as conversion therapy.

D. "Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts" means conversion therapy, reparative therapy, or any other practice that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. "Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts" do not include psychotherapies that provide acceptance, support, and understanding for clients. And in addition do not prohibit clergy from pastoral counseling, teaching, or relaying of their religion's doctrine.

E. "Formal Treatment" is defined as a continued effort through a program or through many sessions or meetings to change a minor's sexual identity or orientation.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION

The administering sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, Conversion Therapy, or Reparative Therapy upon a minor within the geographic boundaries of the County of Ulster is prohibited.

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SECTION 4. PENALTIES.

Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this Local Law shall be guilty of an unspecified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 and/or up to one year in prison, and any applicable licensing board will be notified.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

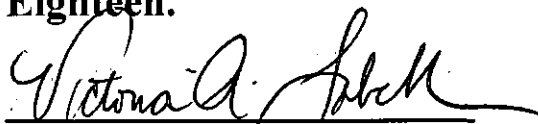
Adopted by the County Legislature: June 19, 2018

Approved by the County Executive: July 20, 2018

Ulster County Legislature} ss.:

I have compared the preceding Local Law, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, and approved by the County Executive on July 20, 2018, with the original thereof, on file in this office and do hereby CERTIFY that the same is a correct transcript thereof, and of the whole of said Local Law.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Ulster County Legislature, at the City of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, on this 20th Day of July in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.



**Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature**