

HB0558 – UNFAVORABLE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

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The definition of religion from a legal standpoint has been molded by cases such as *Lemon*¹, *Welsh* and *Seeger*² to determine if an individual's religious freedom rights are being protected. These cases all involve the individual attempting to protect his / her religious freedom rights.

In the instant case with bill HB558 I contend the State is not only violating the religious freedom rights established in both state and federal constitutions, but is in fact establishing the American Medical System as the State's religion and pushing that on the people of the state through the education department and through this curriculum.

According to the courts in 1965 the *Seeger* test established religion to include "sincere and meaningful belief which occupies in the life of its possessor a place parallel to that filled by the God of those [who] admittedly qualify for the exemption." In other words if there is a closely formed parallel between a set of clearly held beliefs of those who practice a singular **theistic** religion (similar to Christians who believe in a singular God) and those who practice those beliefs outside of a singular **theistic** religion, then both are considered to be a religion. The significant phrase used in the courts today is "strongly held beliefs". Beliefs so strongly held that people are willing to sacrifice something of value in order that those beliefs not be violated, sacrifices such as employment termination, social status degradation, or even their individual freedom by being jailed.

The bill does not list a compelling reason for this curriculum to be mandated to the Department of Education and the lower level county boards of education. Each county currently is given the autonomy to develop their own programs with the **assistance** of the Health Department, not with the mandated inclusion

¹ *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, 403 U.S. 602 (1971) established a 3-prong test for a statute to avoid violating the establishment clause violating the First Amendment of US Constitution.

² *Welsh v. United States*, 398 U.S. 333 (1970) and *United States v. Seeger*, 380 U.S. 163 (1965) establish that religion only need include strongly held beliefs and may or may not require a deity be defined.

of the Health Department, as this bill requires. The courts also decided in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 573 U.S. 682 (2014) that the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) prohibits the government from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion unless it [the government, i.e. the State] can **demonstrate a compelling governmental interest** and that the burden is the **least restrictive means of achieving that interest.**³ Because this curriculum will burden all the students who have opposing religious beliefs, the burden is on them to attempt to attain exemptions and opt-outs for a whole curriculum that doesn't meet any "**compelling government interest**".

This bill is in violation of freedom of religion from 2 perspectives. First it removes the freedom of the students from practicing their own lifestyle and healing modalities as defined in their own religions. Second the state is using the American Medical System as a form of religion that it is now mandating onto the people.

With regard to the first perspective, the American Medical System is not the only modality that can provide healing and wellness, and achieve minimal sickness. Many others exist that utilize natural tools and methods which some people (myself included) believe have been inspired and even provided by God and are in fact incorporated into some structured religions.

I can easily go through my Christian religion and show where the doctrine of my religion covers each of the topics listed in this curriculum. Christians should be exempt from the whole curriculum since the Health Department is not educated on my Christian doctrine nor does the American Medical System, which the Health Department promotes, include doctrine from my Christian system of beliefs. I'm sure people practicing other religions, such as Hindu or Traditional Chinese Confucianism or Taoism would have the same issue with this curriculum since those religions each also have their own systems and doctrines for healing. Again none of these will be taught in this curriculum since the State Health Department knows nothing about these religions either.

³ *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 573 U.S. 682 (2014) "Because the contraception requirement forces religious corporations to fund what they consider abortion, which goes against their stated religious principles, or face significant fines, it creates a substantial burden that is not the least restrictive method of satisfying the government's interests."

From the second perspective, one must first declare and prove the American Medical System is in fact a religion or part of a religion as are the 3 mentioned above. Because of Seeger and Welsh I believe this is fairly easy to accomplish!

The American Medical System claims their established rules or protocols and drugs are scientifically proven and promise to provide healing and longevity, and to raise a person's quality of life.

The Greek word *pharmakeia*, which Jesus explained in the New Testament in Galatians 5:19 – 21 to be witchcraft, is the basis of the word pharmaceutical which is the center of the whole American Medical System. It is a system of rituals that inflict suffering on the individual (aka patient) under the **color of science** as well as the **color of healing**.

There is no science in a double blind test that is paid for by the very entity that will profit from the positive outcome of the test and who very carefully select their subjects to ensure the resulting outcome of the test is always in their favor. This is not science but is instead clever deception. Science is defined by laws of chemistry, mathematics or physics. Not a single tool from the witchcraft hat called *pharmakeia* or today pharmaceuticals provides any form of healing and all have side effects that cause suffering.

Yet the American Medical System promises these rules provide healing and longevity, and to raise a person's quality of life.

The fact that this State through the Health Department and now through the educational system using this curriculum proposed in this bill, pushes this one modality so strongly proves that the American Medical System has become the religion of this State.

This religion is rife with many rituals very much like many primal religions. Rituals such as undressing and sitting naked while one of the lower level deities "examines" the body, human suffering from the inflictions of the harmful chemicals and drugs, body destruction and mutilation exactly like the brutal castration of Eunuchs in the early centuries, and now even human and child sacrifice through elderly trafficking, assisted human euthanasia and abortion.

With Seeger, a deity no longer needs to be established to prove that a strongly held set of beliefs is a religion. Yet the American Medical System has a tiered deity system in place starting with the medical practitioner or physician, and above that is the pharmaceutical manufacturers, and above that is Mr. Karl Marx whose models of socialism were improperly and unconstitutionally used to integrate the whole medical system into the government. Then above that are of course the government with the State's Health Department, and the federal agencies, the CDC and FDA, possibly even Fauci himself or even Gates, as the majority of US citizens bowed down and worshiped them especially over the last 3 years, and then above them are the WHO and the WEF who recently claimed in 2022 they own the science⁴.

Of course one could easily prove that the highest level deity of this American Medical witchcraft System is Satan himself. The protocols and standards are the morals of this system and all deceptively promote longevity and health, when in fact it is a very destructive and deceptive system. Their own Hippocratic oath of do no harm is violated constantly on a daily basis as they degrade the meaning of "no harm" to actually mean "as little harm as possible". Their protocols all subject the individual to long term suffering and those having taken the Hippocratic oath, seem to take pleasure in that as they meter their successes on this suffering.

This is not just my theory. This can easily be proven in a court of law with an abundance of proof of what the judicial system now considers to be a religion.

Now that it has been established that the American Medical System is a religion, I also allege that this State and this committee with the introduction of this bill, HB558 is violation of article 36 of the Maryland State Constitution Declaration of Rights by enforcing and mandating a religion be taught in the school system, a religion no less, specified by the State. The American

⁴ UN Under-Secretary General for Global Communications Melissa Fleming speaking about the 'science' of climate change at WEF event October 2022. While this was referring to the science behind of the theory of climate change, if they admit to how they took ownership of that science, then clearly they already own the science of the medical community as well or at least the WHO does.

Medical System therefore clearly becomes the State's religion. It also violates the US Constitution first and 14th amendmements.

This bill not only must be opposed completely it must be **withdrawn immediately**. There is no compromise or amendment that will remove the unconstitutionality that is being imposed by this bill. The bill establishes a State's religion and violates the constitutions. The current legislation meets the religious freedoms established in the constitutions and should be left as is. I'm sure many more experienced people than I, will then quickly jump on the opportunity to challenge this statute if it is passed.

Remember that a strongly held belief is one which a person or group of people are willing to make a significant sacrifice in holding to that belief. This concept is clearly noted and expressed by the conscientious objectors such as Welsh and Seeger who could have suffered imprisonment for not entering the military draft, and by our own founding fathers who all risked their wealth and their lives for their strongly held beliefs of the protestant early Christianity and the freedom to practice those beliefs.

If this committee moves forward on this bill because the people of this committee hold so strongly to their beliefs in the American Medical System aka AMS Religion, that action, in and of itself, will only go to prove even more, how strongly this committee believes in the system solidifying my allegation that it truly is a religion.

With this testimony you have been warned, you have been notified of the allegation that what is being promoted in this curriculum is in fact a religion, and is in fact the State's religion and that moving forward with establishing a State's religion is totally unconstitutional. The notice is twofold. Not only are these actions unconstitutional but also evil supporting Satan and the satanic rituals and absolutely rejecting God. Moving forward you will have God as your judge, not just the earthly judicial system.

I pray that this bill be completely withdrawn.

Thank you.

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