



Anti-gay bill authored by Bill Brady is dead

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CHICAGO, IL -- An anti-gay bill authored by Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Brady is dead, thanks to the efforts of Illinois gay activists.

[Equality Illinois](#) just announced that Senate bill 3447, which aimed to allow certain tax-exempt organizations to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and religion, is dead. The bill never made it out of a Senate Judiciary committee. In an email to supporters, [Equality Illinois](#) CEO Bernard Cherkasov said that thousands of Illinoisans called or emailed their state legislators in opposition to the bill and these efforts helped stop it dead in its tracks.

Brady wrote the bill, but later removed his name as chief sponsor.

The Illinois Human Rights Act, which prohibits workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, passed in 2005. SB3447 sought to eliminate some of the Act's provisions. If the bill had passed, the Human Rights Act would not have applied to the employment practices of religious organizations, associations, societies and non-profits.