

Protecting Civil Liberties through Judicial Process

Civil Rights Laws dealing with Creed / Religious Belief. Idaho Statutes

18-7301. Freedom from discrimination constitutes a civil right. The right to be free from discrimination because of race, <u>creed</u>, color, sex, or national origin is recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

This right shall include, **but not be limited to:**(1) The right to obtain and hold employment without discrimination.

(2) The right to the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, facilities or privileges of any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage or amusement.

Definition of Creed: A set of beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions

73-401. Definitions. As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Demonstrates" means meets the burdens of going forward with evidence, and persuasion under the standard of clear and convincing evidence.

(2) "Exercise of religion" means the ability to act or refusal to act in a manner substantially motivated by a religious belief, whether or not the exercise is compulsory or central to a larger system of religious belief.

(3) "Government" includes <u>this</u> state and any agency or political subdivision of <u>this</u> state.

(4) "Political subdivision" includes any county, city, school district, taxing district, municipal corporation, or agency of a county, city, school district, or municipal corporation.

(5) "Substantially burden" means to inhibit or curtail religiously motivated practices. This state government is discriminating against your creed in regards too your religious "inherent right" beliefs of a republic form of government.

73-402. Free exercise of religion protected. (1) Free exercise of religion is a fundamental right that applies in this state, even if laws, rules or other government actions are facially neutral.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.

(3) Government may substantially burden a person's exercise of religion only if it demonstrates that application of the burden to the person is both:

(a) Essential to further a compelling governmental interest;

(b) <u>The least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.</u>

(4) A person whose religious exercise is burdened in violation of this section <u>may</u> <u>assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding and obtain</u> <u>appropriate relief against a government. A party who prevails in any action to</u> <u>enforce this chapter against a government shall recover attorney's fees and costs.</u>

(5) In this section, the term "substantially burden" is intended solely to ensure that this chapter is not triggered by trivial, technical or de minimis infractions. "de minimis meaning, the law does not concern itself with trifles"

Under this you may claim a violation of such burden and counterclaim.

73-403. Applicability. (1) This chapter applies to all state laws and local ordinances and the implementation of <u>those laws and ordinances</u>, whether <u>statutory or</u> <u>otherwise</u>, and whether enacted or adopted before, on or after the effective date of <u>this chapter</u>.

(2) State laws that are enacted or adopted on or after the effective date of this chapter are subject to this chapter unless the law explicitly excludes application by reference to this chapter.

(3) This chapter shall <u>not be construed to authorize any government</u> to burden any religious belief.

The legislative intent is defined clearly "NO DISCRIMINATION or BURDEN imposed for your set of beliefs that guide you.