



Corbitt v. Taylor (11th Cir.)

Topics Covered: LGBTQ Rights

Issue

The issue in this case is whether Alabama's policy requiring transgender people to undergo genital surgery to change the gender marker on their driver's license is constitutional.

AMA Interest

The AMA opposes policies preventing transgender individuals from accessing basic human services in line with their gender identities. The AMA further supports every individual's right to determine their gender identity and sex designation on government documents and other forms of government identification.

Case Summary

Under Alabama state policy, transgender residents may only change the gender marker on their driver's license if they have had genital surgery. This policy makes it impossible for most transgender people in Alabama to obtain a license with a correct gender marker, as many transgender people do not want or may not safely obtain such surgical care.

Several Alabama residents filed suit alleging that the policy violates their rights to privacy, due process, equal protection, and free speech under the U.S. Constitution.

On January 15, 2021, the district court ruled that Alabama's refusal to issue accurate driver's licenses to the plaintiffs was impermissible sex discrimination that violated the Fourteenth Amendment.

Alabama filed a notice of appeal to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

AMA Involvement

The AMA, along with specialty medical societies and the American Psychological Association, filed an *amicus* brief to support the plaintiffs in the case.

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Brief