

Anti-gay law deters business



DENVER (AP) — Colorado's anti-gay rights law, approved only three weeks ago, has already become the target of an economic boycott, a lawsuit and an informal, celebrity-led effort to repeal it.

The city of Aspen plans to defy the law after it goes into effect in January by continuing to protect the civil rights of homosexuals.

"It took a while for the shock to sink in about what this really means. The meaning goes beyond a gay-and-lesbian issue to a civil rights issue," said Aspen City Manager Amy Margerum.

"What's next?" she asked. "Political affiliation? Ancestry? Age?"

Amendment 2 was approved Nov. 3 with 53 percent of the state's voters in favor and 47 percent opposed. It will prohibit state and local governments from enacting laws that grant civil rights to homosexuals. It also will repeal such laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

"The city feels very strongly that it is a terrible thing to allow this kind of discrimination," Margerum said. "We are a home-rule city ... and we should be allowed to enact our laws and ordinances."

The day after the election, the backlash began to build. Tourism and government offices took more than 2,200 calls from outraged people in several states who said they were canceling trips to Colorado.

More followed. Several groups canceled conventions and meetings. The American Foundation for AIDS Research, the American Association of Law Libraries, the National Organization for Women and the National Council for Social Studies were among these. The lost business could cost the state more than \$10 million in economic

'We're the state that did pass something; we are painted, we are branded until the amendment is repealed.'

— Bill Burford,
University of Denver professor

benefits, officials said.

As gay-rights supporters bash the referendum, and threats of economic sanctions continue, the Colorado Springs-based Colorado for Family Values, which sponsored Amendment 2, has kept a low profile.

But on Wednesday, spokesman Kevin Tebedo vowed to keep the group's doors open until the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 is settled or the boycott movement loses momentum.

Tebedo said homosexual groups, not his own, are "fanning the flames of hatred" with calls for a boycott and attacks on the religious right.

"If this (boycott) was allowed to take its natural course, I believe it would die," Tebedo said.

The Atlanta City Council banned official travel and spending in Colorado. Other cities, including San Francisco, are taking steps to follow suit.

A coalition called Boycott Colorado was formed to encourage tourists, corporations and associations to stay away until the law is rescinded.

Several celebrities, including tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert and entertainers Cher and Barbra Streisand have urged the public to help overturn the amendment.

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