



Vt. advocates hail Conn. gay marriage ruling

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MIDDLEBURY, Vt. (AP) - Vermont gay marriage advocates are hailing a ruling from the Connecticut Supreme Court saying that state must allow same-sex couples to marry.

The ruling means Connecticut now joins Massachusetts and California in allowing same-sex couples to get marriage licenses. The court said to do otherwise would be to set one constitutional standard for same-sex couples and another for everyone else.

Beth Robinson of the Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force says the Connecticut ruling affirms her group's view that civil unions are not equal to marriage.

Robinson's group is pushing for Vermont to take the same step beyond civil unions to full marriage for same-sex couples.

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