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# Arizona denies rights-violation claims over same-sex marriage ban

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PHOENIX -- Lawyers for the state of Arizona deny that the state's ban on same-sex marriage violates equal-protection and due-process rights.

The state Attorney General's office made the denial in a lawsuit that seeks to overturn the ban.

The seven same-sex couples who filed the lawsuit allege the ban violates equal-protection and due-process rights.

They also alleged the ban denies them the benefits associated with marriage, such as spousal pension benefits, spousal survivorship rights and the ability to make medical decisions for each other.

Arizona lawmakers approved a state law barring same-sex marriages in 1996.

Seven years later, an Arizona appeals court upheld the constitutionality of the law.

Voters in 2008 amended the Arizona Constitution to include a ban.

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I think that is one of the best arguments that can be made in this subject. The federal government has already proven that marriage can be governed and restricted by law (which ironically was for morality issues when they banned polygamy). Any arguments that restricting same sex marriage as unconstitutional falls apart when we look at this particular ruling made by the federal government, which again states in no uncertain terms that certain types of marriage can be regulated, and even illegal by law.

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