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Louisiana Governor's Executive Order Offers Employment Protections for State Employees and Contractors

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Louisiana is the latest of a series of southern states to throw its hat in the ring with respect to LGBT legal protections. On Wednesday, Governor John Bel Edwards signed an [executive order](#) providing employment protections for state employees and employees of state contractors on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, among other things. Read a full copy of the order [HERE](#). This executive order also prohibits discrimination in services provided by state agencies. Furthermore, the executive order rescinds former Governor, Bobby Jindal's executive order entitled, the "[Marriage and Conscience Order](#)," which [Gov. Edwards asserts](#) was "meant to serve a narrow political agenda" and "goes against everything we stand for – unity, acceptance, and opportunity for all."

Gov. Edwards' actions are applauded by many in the community – there is currently no state law protecting LGBT Louisianans from employment discrimination.