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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Seniors, Families and Public Health, February 8, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to faith-based organizations.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 660.750, to read as follows:

**660.750. 1. This act shall be known as the "Faith-Based Organization Liaison Act".**

**2. The director of the department of social services shall designate existing regional department employees to serve as liaisons to faith-based organizations in their regions.**

**3. The director shall ensure that the primary function of each employee designated as a liaison under this section is to:**

**(1) Communicate with faith-based organizations regarding the need for private community services to benefit persons in need of assistance who otherwise would require financial or other assistance under public programs administered by the department;**

**(2) Promote the involvement of faith-based organizations in working to meet community needs for assistance;**

**(3) Coordinate the department's efforts to promote involvement of faith-based organizations in providing community services with similar efforts of other state agencies; and**

**(4) Provide clear guidance to faith-based organizations of all the rights and responsibilities afforded to them under federal law, including but not limited to federal equal treatment, charitable choice regulations, and the establishment clause of the United States**

21 **Constitution.**

22           **4. No liaison shall discriminate against any faith-based**  
23 **organization in carrying out the provisions of this section.**

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