

SENATE BILL NO. 739

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHNELTING.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri religious freedom protection act.

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

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 1.810, to read as
3 follows:

1.810. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Missouri Religious Freedom Protection Act".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Place of worship", a building or grounds where
4 activities of religious groups are conducted;

5 (2) "Public official", any elected or appointed
6 officer, employee, or agent of the state of Missouri or any
7 political subdivision, board, commission, bureau, or other
8 public body thereof.

9 3. No public official shall issue an order that has
10 the effect of limiting or prohibiting religious groups from
11 holding religious services or meetings.

12 4. No public official shall issue an order that has
13 the effect of limiting or prohibiting places of worship from
14 holding religious services or meetings.

15 5. The provisions of subsections 3 and 4 of this
16 section shall not apply to religious groups using places of
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18 worship to knowingly commit or plan to commit acts of
19 violence or harm.

20 6. The provisions of subsections 3 and 4 of this
21 section shall not be interpreted to exclude places of
22 worship from complying with applicable building and fire
23 codes.

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