

Defend Religious Liberty

Church Space/Gun Regulations

Original Bill: [HB359](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 359 & 634 **Sponsor:** Rep. Ben Baker (R)

Description: Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.

Position Statement: Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/11/2021 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

Original Bill: [HB634](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (

Description: Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit.

Position Statement: Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/01/2021 H - Superseded by HB 359

Original Bill: [HB86](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 86 **Sponsor:** Rep. Jered Taylor (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the concealed carrying of firearms.

Position Statement: Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and private schools and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. Bill allows lifetime permit holders to carry in a church without permission of pastor, even if church posts signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and schools and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise) without posting signs. 01/22/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing 04/12/2021 12:00 PM - House-Legislative Oversight, HR 4

Original Bill: [SB117](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

Description: Modifies and removes provisions relating to concealed firearms.

Position Statement: Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon(s) into church and private schools and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. Bill allows lifetime permit holders to carry in a church without permission of pastor, even if church posts signage. As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and schools and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise) without posting signs. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/21/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on General Laws

Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

Original Bill: [HB141](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Doug Richey (R)

Description: Provides immunity from civil liability for disclosures by a charity, nonprofit organization, religious organization, or church of allegations of sexual misconduct.

Position Statement: Support: Non-profits should be immune from civil liability when disclosing to other non-profits incidents of abuse previously reported to the state, as required by law, about which the non-profit is a mandatory reporter. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations

Original Bill: [SB332](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Eric Burlison (R)

Description: Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from taking certain adverse actions against belief-based student associations based on such association's belief-related leadership requirements.

Position Statement: Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 02/19/21

Last Action: 02/04/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Education

Religious Liberty/Infringements

Original Bill: [HB275](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Tom Hannegan

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/10/2021 H - Referred to House committee on Children and Families

Original Bill: [HB327](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Keri Ingle (D)

Description: Prohibits a child placing agency contracting with the state to provide foster care services from discriminating against a family because of the sexual orientation or gender identity of any family member.

Position Statement: Oppose: This bill would penalize faith-based adoption and foster care agencies for their beliefs about the nature and purpose of marriage, infringing upon the free exercise of their religion. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/07/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB984](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldrid

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/29/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB81](#)

Amended Bill:

Sponsor: Sen. Greg Razer (D)

Description: Modifies provisions governing unlawful discriminatory practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/14/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and Industry
