

Defend Religious Liberty

Church Space/Gun Regulations

Original Bill: [HB1462](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS HCS HB 1462 **Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schnelting (R)

Description: Changes the law regarding firearms.

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). 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/11/2022 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

Original Bill: [HB1698](#) **Amended Bill:** **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). 03/17/22

Last Action: 02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee

Original Bill: [HB1912](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Nick Schroer (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). 03/17/22

Last Action: 02/23/2022 H - Public hearing completed, House-General Laws Committee

Original Bill: [HB2442](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Davis (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to firearms.

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). 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [HB2666](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

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

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). 03/17/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB752](#) **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. 03/17/22

Last Action: 03/01/2022 S - Voted Do Pass Senate-General Laws Committee

Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

Original Bill: [HB1546](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1546 **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. 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations

Original Bill: [HB1724](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.

Position Statement: Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against and denied access to campus resources based on their religious beliefs or practices. 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/03/2022 S - Voted Do Pass

Religious Liberty/Infringements

Original Bill: [HB1737](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

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. 01/28/22

Last Action: 04/11/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Litigation Reform

Original Bill: [HB1760](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chris Sander (R)

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. 01/28/22

Last Action: 03/31/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Litigation Reform

Original Bill: [HB2580](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

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. 01/28/22

Last Action: 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on General Laws

Original Bill: [SB711](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Greg Razer (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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. 01/28/22

Last Action: 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and Industry
