

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 746

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 44, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to restrictions on the free exercise of religion during an emergency.

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

Section A. Chapter 44, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 44.104, to read as follows:

**44.104. 1. Notwithstanding section 1.302 to the contrary, the state, any state  
2 agency, political subdivision, county commission, county health board, or any person shall  
3 not prohibit or restrict the free exercise of religion, including attendance or participation  
4 in any prayer, service, meeting, or similar religious activity, during an emergency.**

**5 2. During an emergency, any hospital licensed under chapter 197 shall not limit  
6 visiting hours for clergy or persons ordained for religious or pastoral duties if requested  
7 by the patient or the family of a critically ill patient.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.