

HB 746 -- FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION DURING AN EMERGENCY

SPONSOR: Baker

This bill prohibits the state, any state agency, political subdivision, county commission, county health board, or any person from prohibiting or restricting the free exercise of religion, including attendance or participation in any prayer, service, meeting, or similar religious activity, during an emergency.

During an emergency, any hospital under Chapter 197, RSMo., cannot limit visiting hours for clergy or persons ordained for religious or pastoral duties if requested by a patient or the family of a critically ill patient.