

HB 857 -- RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

SPONSOR: Seitz

This bill prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from prohibiting, inhibiting, restricting, or preventing the freedom of religious expression or the freedom of assembly in places of worship or any location being used for worship in any manner, including the number of congregants, seat spacing requirements, or dress code. This prohibition applies in times of emergency or health crisis, but does not apply to the enforcement of state, local, or municipal fire codes that apply equally to religious and secular gatherings.