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On behalf of Freedom Principle MO, we strongly support HB 2175, the "No Sharia Act." This bill protects Missourians' constitutional rights by prohibiting courts, arbitration panels, and agencies from enforcing Sharia law or any foreign legal system that denies fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.

As a pro-citizen, America First, Missouri First organization aligned with Make America Great Again values, we champion the rule of law, equal justice, individual liberties, and state/national sovereignty. HB 2175 upholds these principles by voiding any contract, court ruling, arbitration decision, or jurisdictional provision relying on incompatible foreign laws, with appropriate exceptions for internal religious matters, voluntary corporate agreements, and federal preemption.

Sharia law, derived from the Quran, Hadith, and Islamic jurisprudence, conflicts with core constitutional protections, including:

- Unequal treatment of women (e.g., testimony and inheritance rights half that of men), violates equal protection.
- Harsh hudud punishments (e.g., amputation, stoning), breaching the prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.
- Death penalties for apostasy, infringing freedom of religion.
- Discriminatory dhimmi status and jizya tax on non-Muslims, conflicting with equal citizenship and no religious establishment.
- Supremacy of divine law over man-made constitutions, undermining constitutional supremacy.

These conflicts are not hypothetical and pose real risks through foreign judgments, arbitration, or contracts. HB 2175 proactively reinforces constitutional supremacy, safeguards due process, equal protection, religious freedom, and other guarantees—especially in marriage, divorce, child custody, adoption, and inheritance.

While we respect Muslim culture, history, and personal faith (protected under our laws), Sharia as a legal system has no place in Missouri or the U.S. due to its irreconcilable conflicts with equality, liberty, and the rule of law.

We urge the committee and legislature to prioritize and pass HB 2175 in the 2026 session to ensure justice and freedom remain uncompromised for all Missourians.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting our constitutional rights. Freedom Principle MO stands ready to support this effort.



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This violates the 1st amendment and the U.S. Constitution already expressly denies authority to any foreign law. This also violates the separation of church and state. This clearly means it only applies to one religion and shows favoritism due the bill text statement ",This can't be construed into (2) Limit adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including the selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or interpretation of doctrine." Which leads to the US further into creating its own version of Sharia law, but with Christianity. This bill is identical to hb 2139 therefore is a bigger waste of tax payer money, and goes against the supreme law of this land. If this doesn't apply to all religions there is no point for this bill.



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This bill does not actually change anything. It is instead pushing anti-Muslim bigotry.



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I urge you to vote NO on HB2175 (Perkins), the proposed so-called “No Shari’a” bills. While their stated aim is to protect constitutional rights, their true effect is to target religious minorities, undermine international cooperation, and create legal chaos.

The bills stigmatize an entire faith by explicitly naming “Shari’a law,” a term representing personal religious practice for millions, alongside broader concerns about foreign law. This is discriminatory, fosters division, and ignites baseless fear.

These proposals are not necessary. Our Constitution and existing legal precedent already provide the ultimate shield against any ruling, contract, or judgment that violates fundamental liberties. These bills solve a problem that does not exist, at the cost of fueling intolerance.

In addition, the legislation dangerously overreaches. One version explicitly nullifies all jurisdiction, rules, and mandates of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the World Economic Forum. This is an alarming attempt to isolate Missouri from global cooperation on public health, humanitarian aid, and economic stability. It directly threatens our state’s ability to respond to pandemics, participate in trade, and benefit from shared scientific knowledge.

The language is also dangerously overbroad and creates legal chaos. By prohibiting contracts that “provide for the choice of” foreign law, it threatens international business agreements, trade, and commercial arbitration that Missourians rely on for our economy. It intrudes upon the freedom of contract and could invalidate routine agreements.

Finally, the bills risk infringing on the First Amendment rights of all religious communities. While they include a limited carve-out for internal church matters, they explicitly override religious law in family matters like inheritance, dictating how citizens of faith may arrange their private lives.

These bills are a solution in search of a problem. They are discriminatory, harmful to our economy, and a threat to religious freedom. I urge you to reject them.



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HB 2175 proposes to prohibit Missouri courts from applying Shari'a law or any foreign law if doing so would deny parties the fundamental liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Missouri.

This prohibition is unnecessary. Missouri courts already refuse to enforce foreign law, foreign judgments, or contractual provisions that violate constitutional rights or fundamental public policy. These protections are firmly established through constitutional doctrine and longstanding judicial precedent.

Because courts already decline to enforce foreign law that conflicts with constitutional protections, the operative provision of HB 2175 does not materially change existing legal standards.

The bill also introduces a new prohibition on the application of foreign law that would "likely violate" constitutional rights. This language creates an undefined and speculative legal standard. Courts traditionally evaluate actual violations of constitutional protections rather than hypothetical or prospective conflicts.

Introducing an ambiguous statutory standard in an area already governed by established constitutional doctrine may increase litigation and uncertainty without providing additional substantive protection.

For these reasons, HB 2175 appears to duplicate existing legal safeguards while introducing unnecessary ambiguity into Missouri law.

Members of the General Assembly are respectfully placed on notice that the constitutional protections referenced in this bill are already enforceable under existing law and judicial precedent.