
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 371 by Representative Amedee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before the "relative" delete "R.S. 13:5233" and insert the following:

"R.S. 13:5232 (1), 5233, 5234 (3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240 (A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 4, delete "and to" and insert "to provide for an effective date; and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"R.S. 13:5232 (1), 5233, 5234 (3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240 (A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:

"§5232. Legislative findings

The legislature finds and declares that:

(1) ~~Free~~ The free exercise of religion is a fundamental right of the highest order in this state.

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(7) In 2023, the legislature and the people of Louisiana adopted Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana which provides for the freedom of worship in churches or other places of worship."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the end of line 17, delete the comma "," and at the beginning of line 18, delete "synagogue, temple,"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 19, after "church" delete the comma "," and delete "synagogue, temple,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, after line 2, add the following:

"§5233.1. Protection of the freedom of worship in churches and other religious institutions; protection of religious education

A. If a church or other place of worship has met the requirements for zoning, building code, fire safety regulation, and has received an occupancy license for the use of the building, the government shall not do any of the following:

1 the Louisiana Governmental Claims Act, R.S. 13:5101 through 5108, as applicable,
2 shall apply to an action ~~under~~ pursuant to this Part.

3 B. A person shall bring an action to assert a claim for damages under this
4 Part not later than one year after any of the following:

5 (1) ~~the~~ The date the person knew or should have known of the substantial
6 burden on the person's free exercise of religion.

7 (2) The date that an action pursuant to this Part was dismissed by an
8 administrative law judge or a court, or there was a finding in favor of the person on
9 the merit which resulted in a claim authorized pursuant to this Part.

10 (3) Mailing notice under R.S. 13:5238 shall toll the one-year period until the
11 seventy-fifth day after the date on which the notice is mailed.

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13 AMENDMENT NO. 8

14 On page 2, after line 2, add the following:

15 "Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval."