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Abstract: Requires the government to provide protections to places of worship and prohibits the government from discriminating against places of worship through the requirement of certain restrictions.

Present law provides that government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion.

Present law provides an exception for when the burden on the exercise of religion is both in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling governmental interest.

Proposed law provides that the government shall provide protections of the highest order to every church, synagogue, temple, or other place of worship and shall not discriminate against any church, synagogue, temple, or other place of worship by requiring restrictions that are greater than the least severe restrictions that are imposed upon or enforced against any secular business, service, or assembly.

(Amends R.S. 13:5233)