

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2732

Introduced 1/12/2024, by Sen. Adriane Johnson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

775 ILCS 35/16 new

Amends the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Provides that any order, rule, regulation, or other directive issued by any governmental entity pursuant to an emergency or health or safety determination that requires closure or limitation of any place of worship entitled to the religious exemption under the United States Code shall be considered a substantial burden even if the order, rule, regulation, or other directive is one of general applicability.

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1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act is amended by adding Section 16 as follows:
- 6 (775 ILCS 35/16 new)
- Sec. 16. Substantial burden; emergency or health or safety 7 closure or limitation of place of worship. Any order, rule, 8 9 regulation, or other directive issued by any governmental 10 entity pursuant to an emergency or health or safety determination that requires closure or limitation of any place 11 of worship entitled to the religious exemption under Section 12 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code shall be 13 14 considered a substantial burden even if the order, rule, regulation, or other directive is one of general 15
- 16 <u>applicability</u>.