

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 10, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary to which
was referred HB 542,**

**AN ACT relative to the applicability of a state of
emergency declaration to a house of worship. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Kurt Wuelper

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Judiciary
Bill Number:	HB 542
Title:	relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.
Date:	March 10, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0623h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The amended version of this bill reinforces the foundational principles of religious freedom outlined in the 1st Amendment and in Part 1, Article 5 of the New Hampshire Constitution. It guarantees the free exercise of religion and the right of people to peaceably assemble, and it prohibits the powers activated in a state of emergency from forbidding in-person gatherings at houses of worship. It preserves the right of the government to require religious organizations to comply with neutral health and safety regulations, so long as any substantial burden is shown to be essential to further a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The committee heard testimony from faith leaders across the state who were unanimous in their belief that, during the state of emergency, churches were not seen as essential to the same degree as secular institutions such as hospitals and grocery stores. This subordinate position left houses of worship closed long after other essential institutions had opened, and prevented religious organizations from fulfilling their mission at a time when they were needed most. The sponsors felt that in an increasingly secular society it can be easy to lose sight of the important role religious institutions play in seeing people of faith through times of crisis. The majority of the committee believe that this bill recognizes that role, applies the lessons learned from the current state of emergency, and provides reasonable protections for religious exercise into the future.

Vote 11-10.

Rep. Kurt Wuelper
FOR THE MAJORITY

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Judiciary

HB 542, relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kurt Wuelper for the **Majority** of Judiciary. The amended version of this bill reinforces the foundational principles of religious freedom outlined in the 1st Amendment and in Part 1, Article 5 of the New Hampshire Constitution. It guarantees the free exercise of religion and the right of people to peaceably assemble, and it prohibits the powers activated in a state of emergency from forbidding in-person gatherings at houses of worship. It preserves the right of the government to require religious organizations to comply with neutral health and safety regulations, so long as any substantial burden is shown to be essential to further a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The committee heard testimony from faith leaders across the state who were unanimous in their belief that, during the state of emergency, churches were not seen as essential to the same degree as secular institutions such as hospitals and grocery stores. This subordinate position left houses of worship closed long after other essential institutions had opened, and prevented religious organizations from fulfilling their mission at a time when they were needed most. The sponsors felt that in an increasingly secular society it can be easy to lose sight of the important role religious institutions play in seeing people of faith through times of crisis. The majority of the committee believe that this bill recognizes that role, applies the lessons learned from the current state of emergency, and provides reasonable protections for religious exercise into the future. **Vote 11-10.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Minority of the Committee on Judiciary to which
was referred HB 542,**

**AN ACT relative to the applicability of a state of
emergency declaration to a house of worship. Having
considered the same, and being unable to agree with
the Majority, report with the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alexis Simpson

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Judiciary
Bill Number:	HB 542
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Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The minority of the committee does not agree that we need a new law protecting religious freedoms. The free exercise of religion is protected by the United States Constitution and the New Hampshire Constitution. HB 542 attempts to elevate decisions by religious bodies above the health and safety interests of the public. In the current pandemic, we have seen numerous instances across the country where allowing large gatherings for worship and religious activities has led to outbreaks that stretch beyond those involved in religious activity. The emergency orders issued in New Hampshire have allowed religious communities to meet their needs with specific protocols that protect the larger community.

Rep. Alexis Simpson
FOR THE MINORITY

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INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

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Amendment to HB 542

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the protection of religious liberty.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Title. This act may be known and cited as the New Hampshire religious liberty act.

8 2 Legislative Findings. The general court finds that:

9 I. The framers of our federal and state constitutions made the value judgment that religion
10 warrants distinct protections. "In matters of Religion, no mans right is abridged by the institution of
11 Civil Society... Religion is wholly exempt from its cognizance." James Madison, Memorial and
12 Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments.

13 II. The right to the free exercise of religion, in both the federal and New Hampshire
14 constitutions, was not meant to be a vague sentiment. Nor was it meant to protect mere private
15 opinion or thought. It was intended to be just as concrete as the right of free speech, the right to be
16 free from unreasonable searches, or any other enumerated right. It is "held by the same tenure with
17 all our other rights... it is enumerated with equal solemnity, or rather studied emphasis." Id.

18 III. The general court understands the protections afforded to religious exercise under the
19 New Hampshire Bill of Rights to be even stronger than those provided by the federal Bill of Rights.
20 New Hampshire Constitution, Part 1, Articles 5; 6.

21 IV. Governments have trampled on religious exercise by crafting generally applicable laws
22 which do not explicitly target a religion or religious activity. The fact that a law is generally
23 applicable does not mean that it complies with the federal or state free exercise clauses. As the
24 United States Supreme Court has said, the "constitutional rights of those spreading their religious
25 beliefs through the spoken and printed word are not to be gauged by standards governing retailers or
26 wholesalers of books." *Murdock v. Com. of Pennsylvania*, 319 U.S. 105, 111 (1943).

27 V. Protecting free exercise rights is especially important when it comes to the exercise of
28 controversial or unpopular religious beliefs. "[M]any people hold beliefs alien to the majority of our
29 society -- beliefs that are protected by the First Amendment but which could easily be trod upon
30 under the guise of 'police' or 'health' regulations reflecting the majority's views." *Sherbert v. Verner*,
31 374 U.S. 398 at 411 (Douglas, J., concurring in the judgment).

1 VI. The United States Supreme Court has observed that forcing people to abandon the
2 precepts of their religion “puts the same kind of burden upon the free exercise of religion as would a
3 fine imposed” for a worship service. *Sherbert*, 374 U.S. 398 at 404 (1963).

4 VII. Although the state may legitimately burden religious exercise, it may only do so if there
5 exists “some compelling state interest... [which] justifies the substantial infringement of [a person’s]
6 First Amendment right.” *Sherbert*, 374 U.S. 398 at 406. The government must have a “paramount
7 interest” in burdening free exercise. *Id.*

8 VIII. In response to the common argument that religious liberty protections will result in
9 confusion and anarchy, allowing individuals to capriciously nullify ordinary laws, the Supreme Court
10 in 1963 found that “there is no proof whatever to warrant such fears of malingering or deceit... it is
11 highly doubtful whether such evidence would be sufficient to warrant a substantial infringement of
12 religious liberties.” *Sherbert*, 374 U.S. 398 at 407.

13 IX. The free exercise of religion is currently under threat from many sides. As four justices
14 of the United States Supreme Court have observed, the Court’s 1990 decision in *Employment*
15 *Division v. Smith* has “drastically cut back on the protection provided by the Free Exercise Clause.”
16 *Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist.*, cert. denied, 139 S. Ct. 634, 635 (2019) (Alito, J., concurring.). In
17 the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, many governors’ emergency orders have treated churches far
18 more restrictively than comparable secular entities. *Maryville Baptist Church, Inc. v. Beshear*, 957
19 F.3d 610, 614, (2020) (“The [Governor of Kentucky’s] orders also likely ‘prohibit[] the free exercise’ of
20 ‘religion’ in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments... Discriminatory laws come in many
21 forms.”). At the same time, federal politicians are currently introducing bills intended to roll back
22 statutory protections for the free exercise of religion.

23 X. *Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao do Vegetal*, 546 U.S. 418 (2006),
24 indicates that legislative bodies may enact statutory law requiring that laws and other state action
25 burdening the free exercise of religion be justified by a compelling governmental interest. Many
26 states have done so, passing laws similar to this act.

27 XI. The compelling interest test, set forth in pre-1990 Supreme Court rulings and this act, is
28 a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing governmental
29 interests.

30 3 Purpose. The purposes of this act are:

31 I. To adopt the compelling interest test as articulated in *Sherbert v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398
32 (1963) and to guarantee its application in all cases where the free exercise of religion is substantially
33 burdened by state action;

34 II. To provide a claim or defense to a person or persons whose exercise of religion is
35 substantially burdened by state action;

36 III. To provide a claim or defense to any religious organization whose religious services are,
37 in a state of emergency, treated more restrictively than any other essential service; and

1 IV. To adopt this act as the general court's construction of the relevant provisions in the
2 New Hampshire Bill of Rights, so that New Hampshire courts may consider as persuasive this act,
3 including the general court's legislative findings, in any future cases interpreting the New
4 Hampshire Bill of Rights.

5 4 New Chapter; Protection of Religious Liberty. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 546-B
6 the following new chapter:

7 CHAPTER 546-C

8 PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

9 546-C:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

10 I. "Person" means any individual, association, partnership, corporation, church, religious
11 institution, estate, trust, foundation, or other legal entity.

12 II. "Exercise of religion" means the practice or observance of religion. It includes, but is not
13 limited to, any action that is motivated by a sincerely held religious belief, whether or not the
14 exercise is compulsory or central to a larger system of religious belief.

15 III. "Religious organization" means:

16 (a) A house of worship, including but not limited to churches, synagogues, mosques,
17 shrines, and temples;

18 (b) A religious group, corporation, association, educational institution, ministry, order,
19 society, or similar entity, regardless of whether it is integrated or affiliated with a church or other
20 house of worship; or

21 (c) An officer, owner, employee, manager, religious leader, clergy, or minister of an
22 entity or organization described in this paragraph.

23 IV. "Religious service" means a meeting, gathering, or assembly of 2 or more persons
24 organized by a religious organization for the purpose of worship, teaching, training, providing
25 educational services, conducting religious rituals, or other activities that are deemed necessary by
26 the religious organization for the exercise of religion.

27 V. "State action" means the implementation or application of any law, including, but not
28 limited to, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies, whether statutory or
29 otherwise, or other action by any governmental entity including but not limited to any subdivision of
30 the state and any local government, municipality, instrumentality, or public official authorized by
31 law.

32 VI. "State government" means:

33 (a) The state or a political subdivision of the state;

34 (b) Any agency of the state or of a political subdivision of the state, including a
35 department, bureau, board, commission, council, court, or public institution of higher education;

36 (c) Any person acting under color of state law; and

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1 (d) Any private person suing under or attempting to enforce a law, rule, or regulation
2 adopted by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

3 VII. "Substantial burden" means any action that directly or indirectly constrains, inhibits,
4 curtails, or denies the exercise of religion by any person or compels any action contrary to a person's
5 exercise of religion. It includes, but is not limited to, withholding benefits, assessing criminal, civil,
6 or administrative penalties or damages, or exclusion from governmental programs or access to
7 governmental facilities.

8 546-C:2 Free Exercise of Religion Protected.

9 I. State action shall not substantially burden a person's right to exercise of religion, even if
10 the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless it is demonstrated that applying the
11 burden to that person's exercise of religion in this particular instance:

12 (a) Is essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and

13 (b) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

14 II. A person whose exercise of religion has been burdened, or is likely to be burdened, in
15 violation of this section may assert such violation or impending violation as a claim or defense in a
16 judicial or administrative proceeding, regardless of whether the state or one of its political
17 subdivisions is a party to the proceeding. The person asserting such a claim or defense may obtain
18 appropriate relief, including relief against the state or its political subdivisions. Appropriate relief
19 includes, but is not limited to, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, compensatory damages, and costs
20 and attorney fees.

21 III. This section applies to all laws, and the implementation of laws, whether statutory or
22 otherwise, and whether adopted before or after the effective date of this chapter.

23 546-C:3 State of Emergency Protections.

24 I. To guarantee the free exercise of religion and right of the people to peaceably assemble, as
25 required by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Part I, Article 5 of the New
26 Hampshire constitution, any powers activated pursuant to a state of emergency, as defined in RSA
27 21-P:35, VIII, shall not prohibit in-person gatherings at established houses of worship, such as
28 churches, monasteries, mosques, shrines, synagogues, or temples.

29 II. Notwithstanding RSA 4:45 or any other provision of law to the contrary, during a state of
30 emergency, the state government shall permit a religious organization to continue operating and to
31 engage in religious services to the same or greater extent that other organizations or businesses that
32 provide essential services that are necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public are
33 permitted to operate.

34 III. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the state government from requiring religious
35 organizations to comply with neutral health, safety, or occupancy requirements issued by the state
36 or federal government that are applicable to all organizations and businesses that provide essential
37 services. Provided, however, that the state government shall not enforce any health, safety, or

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1 occupancy requirement that imposes a substantial burden on a religious service unless the state
2 government demonstrates that applying the burden to the religious service in this particular
3 instance is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means
4 of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

5 IV. A religious organization may assert a violation of this section as a claim against the
6 state government in any judicial or administrative proceeding or as a defense in any judicial or
7 administrative proceeding without regard to whether the proceeding is brought by or in the name of
8 the state government, any private person, or any other party.

9 V. Any religious organization that successfully asserts a claim or defense under this section
10 may recover appropriate relief including, but not limited to, injunctive relief, declaratory relief,
11 compensatory damages, and costs and attorney fees.

12 546-C:4 Immunity Waived. Sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunities to suit and from
13 liability are waived and abolished to the extent of liability created by this chapter.

14 546-C:5 Rules of Construction.

15 I. This chapter shall be construed in favor of substantive and broad protections for the free
16 exercise of religion.

17 II. The protection of free exercise of religion afforded by this chapter are in addition to any
18 further protections provided under federal law, state law, and the state and federal constitutions.

19 III. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preempt or invalidate any state law or
20 local ordinance that is equally or more protective of free exercise of religion. Nothing in this chapter
21 shall be construed to narrow the meaning or application of any state or local law protecting free
22 exercise of religion.

23 IV. This chapter applies to, and in cases of conflict supersedes, each statute that impinges
24 upon the free exercise of religion protected by this chapter, unless a conflicting state statute is
25 expressly made exempt from the application of this chapter. This chapter also applies to, and in
26 cases of conflict supersedes, any ordinance, rule, regulation, order, opinion, decision, practice, or
27 other law that impinges upon the free exercise of religion protected by this chapter.

28 V. If any provision of this chapter or any application of such provision to any particular
29 person or circumstance is held to be invalid under law, the remainder of this chapter and the
30 application of its provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected.

31 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall not apply to houses of worship and provides that the state shall not substantially burden a person's right to the free exercise of religion unless doing so is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 542

BILL TITLE:

DATE: 3-10-2021

LOB ROOM: 208/Remote

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # 06234
(if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Wuelfer Seconded by Rep. McLean Vote: 11-10

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ____ YES NO

Minority Report? Yes ____ No If yes, author, Rep: Simpson Motion ITL

Respectfully submitted: Kurt Wuelfer
Rep Kurt Wuelfer, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Judiciary

 Bill #: HB542 Motion: OTPA AM #: 06234 Exec Session Date: 3-10-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Gordon, Edward M. Chairman	11		
McLean, Mark Vice Chairman	1		
Sylvia, Michael J.	2		
Wuelper, Kurt F. Clerk	3		
Alexander, Joe H.	4		
Rice, Kimberly A.	5		
Silber, Norman J. <i>Laceles, R</i>	6		
Greene, Bob J.	7		
Kelley, Diane E.	8		
Tausch, Lindsay	9		
Trottier, Douglas R.	10		
Smith, Marjorie K.		1	
Berch, Paul S.		2	
Horrigan, Timothy O.		3	
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.		4	
Chase, Wendy		5	
Kenney, Cam E.		6	
Langley, Diane M.		7	
McBeath, Rebecca Susan		8	
Paige, Mark		9	
Simpson, Alexis		10	






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Judiciary

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2021 SESSION

Judiciary

 Bill #: HB542 Motion: Amend AM #: 06234 Exec Session Date: 3-10-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Gordon, Edward M. Chairman	11		
McLean, Mark Vice Chairman	1		
Sylvia, Michael J.	2		
Wuelper, Kurt F. Clerk	3		
Alexander, Joe H.	4		
Rice, Kimberly A.	5		
Silber, Norman J. <u>Lacelles, R</u>	6		
Greene, Bob J.	7		
Kelley, Diane E.	8		
Tausch, Lindsay	9		
Trottier, Douglas R.	10		
Smith, Marjorie K.		1	
Berch, Paul S.		2	
Horrigan, Timothy O.		3	
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.		4	
Chase, Wendy		5	
Kenney, Cam E.		6	
Langley, Diane M.		7	
McBeath, Rebecca Susan		8	
Paige, Mark		9	
Simpson, Alexis		10	



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Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB542

BILL TITLE: relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.

DATE:3/5/2021

LOB ROOM: /Remote **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 AM
Time Adjourned: 11:10 AM

Committee Members: Reps. Gordon, McLean, Wuelper, Sylvia, Alexander Jr., Rice, Silber, Greene, D. Kelley, Tausch, Trottier, M. Smith, Berch, Horrigan, DiLorenzo, Chase, Kenney, Langley, McBeath, Paige and Simpson

Bill Sponsors: Rep Ammon

Blue sheet Support 283 Oppose 79

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

***Rep. Ammon Sponsor** The issue of religious liberty has historically been a driver of immigration to our State and country. Whether one is religious or not, the State is required to stay clear of your personal beliefs, which we call religion. Countries that interfere is these ideas are typically tyrannical dictatorships. This bill came from an emergency order closing places of worship. This bill intends to preclude such closure. The free exercise clause protects that freedom. The proposed amendment adds a lot of the original HB440, which codifies the principles of the recent NH supreme court Mack decision. Q Alexander: Would reading a verse of the Bible at a social event qualify under this exemption? A That would apply to narrow tailoring. That would be the test the gov't would have to comply with. Is gthe gov't using the least restrictive means to curtail your religious activity. Q Berch: Were you aware that in 1918 Pandemic churches were closed worldwide? A Did gthe gov't close them?

Rep Jeff Greeson Supports If we allow government to infringe our rights in an emergency, emergencies we will get. I personally know 3 Pastors is who were fined large amounts for violation of emergency orders. The action of the government was arbitrary and capricious. No government should trample the peoples' rights. The constitution restrains the government and protects the people. We need this law. Q Horrigan: You mention a pastor who was fined? Yes. 20 police officers showed up at a church to fine each attendee at a drive-in service. Q Any similar instances in NH? A None that I know of because our Governor quickly opened churches before he could be sued. Q Do you favor treating religious organizations differently in this? A The protection for religious practices is already there, including Atheists as well.

Ian Huyett Cornerstone Supports No churches in NH were fined. This is a preventative measure. Gov. Sununu's original orders were more restrictive on churches, but they were changed quickly. The next governor might not follow that path. Both the Federal and NH constitutions provide special protections for religious groups. The NH supreme court *Mack* decision makes this case clearly.

Scott Mitchell Support I am pastor of a church in NH. Churches in NH provide many social services and can be trusted to protect the health of our members and neighbors. It is essential for churches to know when and how they can congregate.

***John Barnes** Self Supports I am pastor of a church in Portsmouth. The church is like a family. The church's ministries are essential services. Q Mclean: Why should churches be limited more than other organizations? A We got no answer to that question from the government.

David Carlson Self Support Pastor of church in Manchester. We work with a lot of people off the streets. I work extensively with the incarcerated or recently released. Churches are important in reducing recidivism.

Justin Corkum Self Support It is critical that church members be allowed to meet to encourage and support people. The Spiritual sense of well-being churches provide is just as essential as any other.

***Pastor Ed Harkey** Trinity Lutheran church A cord of three strands is not easily broken. See written.

***Ron Wormsley**

***Nathan Pickowicz** Pastor Harvest Bible Church Supports The gathering of religious body for emotional and spiritual support is just as essential as other needs. We can't practice our faith without gathering together. Q McLean: The gov't has worked with many groups, health care workers, etc. Has the gov't worked with you in gthe same way? A No. Getting us open was very very slow. We definitely felt neglected compared with other groups.

Juan Saa Pastor of Lifeway Church in Derry We need to be there when people are surrounded by hopelessness and despair. We will be a better and stronger state when Churches are allowed to be open.

Pastor of Light of the World church in Milford Support The church operates as part of the fabric of the community. We work with others to improve the strength of the community. We were ready to work with many other social service organizations during the pandemic. We know that he needs of the recovery community soar during an emergency. Why would you want to curtail these essential services?

***Patrick Testerman** Pastor in Loudon Supports I am deadly serious about both my faith and my constitution. We need this bill to inhibit future violations of overreaches in emergency situations.

***Darrell Van Wagner** Self Support We won't just go off half-cocked. We love our community and won't arbitrarily endanger our community. We don't ask for this protection lightly. The church involvement in the community is essential.

Tim Vercellono Senior pastor in Laconia Support We not only provide spiritual services but many practical ones as well. We have not seen many members of our congregation since last March. We serve many needed services to our community and need to stay open to do that.

Matthew Worrall Pastor Grace Christian Fellowship Winchester Support We had to close for two months last year. I had to meet with several families and explaining why we couldn't meet their needs as we had been. We are well able to govern ourselves and should never be fully closed down.

House Remote Testify

Judiciary Committee Testify List for Bill HB542 on 2021-03-05

Support: 303 Oppose: 84 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 22

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Carnahan, Edward	Portsmouth, NH Prv1821@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself, my Church. Portsmouth Believers Church	Support	Yes (5m)	No	3/4/2021 2:49 PM
barnes, ken	hopkinton, NH kbarnes@kenbarneslaw.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (4m)	No	2/28/2021 10:46 PM
Sontag, Paul	Amherst, NH paulsontag46@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself Paul Sontag Pastor	Support	Yes (4m)	No	3/4/2021 2:06 PM
Barnes, John	Pelham, NH nyjcbarnes@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 12:30 PM
O'Sullivan, Robert	Manchester, NH OSullR@AOL.Com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 2:54 PM
Mitchell, Scott	New Hampton, NH pastorscott@newhamptoncc.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 3:27 PM
Ammon, Keith	New Boston, NH keithammon@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 40	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 4:07 PM
Carlson, David	Manchester, NH gospelbaptistnh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 6:54 PM
Huyett, Ian	Manchester, NH IHuyett@NHCornerstone.org	A Lobbyist	Cornerstone	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 7:56 PM
Greeson, Jeffrey	Wentworth, NH jeffrey.greeson@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/4/2021 2:36 PM
Vercellono, Tim	Laconia, NH tvercellono@reallifenh.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (2m)	No	3/4/2021 6:40 PM
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Harkey, Pastor Ed	Keene, NH RevEddieT@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (2m)	No	3/4/2021 4:58 PM

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Embley, George	Webster, NH gembley@tds.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:16 AM
Jones, Andrew	Pembroke, NH arj11718@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 11:31 AM
Flum, Erik	Littleton, NH erik.flum@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 2:23 PM
Lucas, Janet	Campton, NH janluca1953@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:58 AM
Blanchard, Sandra	Loudon, NH sandyblanchard3@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:02 AM
Carter, Lilian	Deering, NH lcarter0914@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:03 AM
Johnson, Dawn	Laconia, NH Dawn.Johnson@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 10:04 AM
House, Don	Belmont, NH donhouse@metrocast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:15 AM
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Anan, James	LITTLETON, NH jimanan7@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 1:54 PM
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Falk, Cheri	Wilton, NH Falk.cj@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 7:34 PM
Wheeler, Douglas	Manchester, NH dougdwheeler@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 8:44 PM
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Ladd, Nancy	Warner, NH LADDNEWTON@HOTMAIL.COM	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:31 PM
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Rettew, Annie	CONCORD, NH abrettew@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/2/2021 11:23 AM
Campbell, Kay	Epsom, NH kkcampbell43@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/2/2021 11:29 AM
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El-Azem, Laura	Londonderry, NH laura@elazem.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/2/2021 9:15 AM
Anan, Laurie	Littleton, NH laurieanan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/2/2021 9:15 AM
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Brown, Matthew	Merrimack, NH matt@mkbrown.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/4/2021 2:01 PM
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Testimony

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To: ~House Judiciary Committee
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Thank you.

Sheila Gagne
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Manchester, NH 03104

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From: Kathy A <katherinesart4u@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:17 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Cc: Kathy Ang
Subject: Regarding HB 542

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In closing, I urge you to consider the health of our State holistically. We are more than flesh and bone needing protection from a new disease - we are also spiritual beings, and as such we need that part of us to be nurtured and protected as well. To protect one at the expense of the other ignores this reality, and harms the equilibrium of our society by attacking the very fabric from which it is made.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ang

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Rebecca Stuart

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:05 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB542

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HB542 Testimony

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Rev. Jim Guzofski, Jr.
Senior Pastor

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Rebecca Stuart

From: Matt Brown <family@mkbrown.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:46 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for your service to our state and for your consideration of HB 542. I urge you to send this bill to the full house with your recommendation for passage,

As a lay leader of a church, I will attest to the enhanced need for a deeper community in times of crisis of any type. In such circumstances, there are many activities that can be deferred for a time, and most people will naturally defer them out of necessity or in their own perceived interest. But those connections in which people are personally caring for one another are vital for physical, mental and spiritual well-being. When people have a need for such support, deferral will only serve to complicate the crisis.

In my advocating for the passage of this bill, I am not suggesting that institutions of worship should act as if there is no crisis when there genuinely is one. Rather, beyond First Amendment issues, I'm urging that due consideration be given to the capable and caring intentions of the leadership of such religious institutions who, in almost all cases, have exercised and will continue to exercise cautious and creative care for those under their care and also for the community at-large. It is my considered position that the state must not presume to interfere with or dictate the terms of their exercise of care. Instead, the state should consider such institutions to be performing a separate but equally vital role in society and engage in a cooperative effort to the extent possible. I believe that HB 542 establishes the statutory groundwork for such respectful and well-intentioned cooperation.

Thank you for hearing my input on this.

With sincere respect,

Matthew L. Brown
Merrimack, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Mark Williams <archerwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:40 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear Committee Members,

During this past year our faith community & church was able to actively engage with local community services due to the fact that our office and church membership was aloud to remain open. The contribution and work assisted many individuals because of the opportunities afforded as essential workers & services.

Please move forward HB 542.

Mark Williams
Greenfield, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jan Starring <starringjan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:29 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Vote for HB 542

Churches are essential. Our religious freedoms should not be taken away or viewed as “optional. I urge you to vote for HB542. Sincerely, Jan Starring.

Sent from my iPhone

Rebecca Stuart

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From: Mary Jane Rivest <maryjane.riv@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:03 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support of HB 542

I am writing you to let you know I support HB 542 In times of emergency it's important that we can gather in worship at our churches.

I ask for your vote in this matter.

Peace and thank you for serving our state and ...

Joy2You, Mary Jane Rivest
Bristol, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Patty Dickinson <seizethedaypatrish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:58 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542 Your support requested

Gentlemen & Ladies:

I'm writing to request that you support HB 542. Houses of worship must be protected from bans on assembling during a state of emergency. Freedom of worship is first of all a God-given privilege. For us, a constitutionally protected right of every American.

Your support of this bill will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Patricia Dickinson
Claremont NH

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jenna Pedone <jennapedone@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:56 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB 542

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your service to our state.

I am writing to ask for your support of HB 542. It is important to me and my family that houses of worship remain open during emergencies. Freedom of Religion is one of the most important freedoms we enjoy as Americans. I urge the government to not intrude on a citizens desire to attend a house of worship.

Thank you for supporting HB 542.

Warm regards,

Jenna Pedone
2200 Elm St
Manchester NH
603-361-2634

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jay MacDougall <malfred52@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:24 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary,

Thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire.

I hope you will support this important bill. If needed, revise the bill to protect both public safety and our rights as citizens.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jay MacDougall
Rochester, NH
207-216-3205

Rebecca Stuart

From: Keith Ammon
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:48 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Cc: HCS
Subject: Draft Amendment HB 542 - 2021-0623h, Keith Ammon
Attachments: HB 542 - 2021-0623h.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Chairman Gordon and Members of the Committee.

HB542 relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship is being heard by your committee tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Attached, please find a proposed amendment to HB542 that merges the original language of HB542 with the original language of *HB440 relative to the protection of religious liberty*, Rep. Kofalt's bill. I was a co-sponsor on HB440 and Rep. Kofalt is a co-sponsor of HB542.

If you'll recall, the committee heard testimony on HB440 back on February 26, but an amendment was proposed to change the text of that bill in light of a December 2020 NH Supreme Court decision, *State v. Mack*. After discussions with some representatives, including your very own Rep. Wuelper, the idea was presented that it would be worth codifying these protections granted by the Mack decision into statute. This proposed amendment attempts to do that as well as put religious liberty protections into the RSA's governing emergency declarations.

I look forward to discussing this with you tomorrow.

Regards,

Rep Ammon

PS. I've CC'ed **HCS** to request that copies be printed and distributed to the committee room. Thank you.

From: AskOLS <AskOLS@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 14:05
To: Keith Ammon <Keith.Ammon@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: HB 542 - 2021-0623h, Keith Ammon
Importance: High

Attached please find a PDF of amendment 2021-0623h to HB 542 requested by Rep. Keith Ammon.

Please note that the amendment copy contains the "UNAPPROVED" watermark. Once OLS is notified that the amendment has been officially adopted by committee action, OLS will remove the watermark and release the amendment to the Clerk.

Sincerely,
Office of Legislative Services
State House, Rm 109
603-271-3435

Rebecca Stuart

From: Pastor J. Matthew Worrall <pastor@gcfnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:05 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB542

To the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is J. Matthew Worrall and I am pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship in Winchester, NH. I am writing in support to HB542. We had closed our church for 2 1/2 months last spring and witnessed much distress among our congregation. It was sad to see depression, anxiety and a general sense of fear overtake many in our congregation. I believe the church is an essential entity and we are equipped to minister to those who are struggling with these emotional difficulties. I believe it was and is unconstitutional for the state to mandate our closure yet allowed stores and some business's to remain open. It is unconstitutional for the governor to place any restrictions on churches and houses of worship according to the first amendment. We know well how to care for our community/congregation and we can be trusted to install what is necessary to keep our community/congregation safe during this time. We are well able to govern ourselves. The scripture is clear that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together and the constitution is clear that we have the legal right to govern ourselves in all aspects.

I thank you for your time in reading this. Tomorrow I am registered to speak and this email is the basis of what I will say.

Be blessed,

Pastor J. Matthew Worrall

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Rebecca Stuart

From: Lynda <lbelcourt@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:01 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: [CAUTION: SUSPECT SENDER] HB 542

Dear House Judiciary Committee

I want to let you all know that I support HB 542!!! Churches are so very important and essential. We need all the churches of worship especially during these tough times. Please don't deprive us of this essential privilege.

Thank you for understanding and I certainly appreciate you reading my email.

Blessings,
Lynda Belcourt

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Additionally, secular studies show that those who have a faith/religion generally enjoy greater benefits of mental and emotional stability, as well as a sense of belonging and sense of self. While social isolation due to long-term Covid restrictions have greatly afflicted our society as a whole, resulting in higher rates of depression, alcoholism and suicide; it is the Churches that have remained engaged that have aided their congregants to weather the past year and decrease the harmful effects of isolation.

In closing, I urge you to consider the health of our State holistically. We are more than flesh and bone needing protection from a new disease - we are also spiritual beings, and as such we need that part of us to be nurtured and protected as well. To protect one at the expense of the other ignores this reality, and harms the equilibrium of our society by attacking the very fabric from which it is made.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ang

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Rebecca Stuart

From: Jim Guzofski Jr. <pastorjimcwc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:05 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB542

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HB542 Testimony

Good morning - - My name is Jim Guzofski. ... I am the senior pastor of Destiny Christian Church. ... Our assembly meets in Concord. ... I would strongly urge you to support HB-542 for the following reasons ... First of all, any emergency declaration - along with its mandates - that hinder - or causes - a ceasing of a religious gathering - is in direct violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. ... Secondly, it is extremely concerning - that the state government - treats and views houses of worship - in a similar fashion - as they do any other business. ... Houses of worship - are assemblies ordained by God ... They are not a secular business ... Thus, they should not be viewed and treated in a similar fashion. ... Thirdly, we all understand the principle of the separation between church and state. ... This distinct separation should not be infringed upon and must remain protected. ... Once again - I strongly urge you to support HB-542 ... I appreciate your time. ... I'll be happy to take any questions you may have

Rev. Jim Guzofski, Jr.
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Rebecca Stuart

From: Matt Brown <family@mkbrown.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:46 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for your service to our state and for your consideration of HB 542. I urge you to send this bill to the full house with your recommendation for passage,

As a lay leader of a church, I will attest to the enhanced need for a deeper community in times of crisis of any type. In such circumstances, there are many activities that can be deferred for a time, and most people will naturally defer them out of necessity or in their own perceived interest. But those connections in which people are personally caring for one another are vital for physical, mental and spiritual well-being. When people have a need for such support, deferral will only serve to complicate the crisis.

In my advocating for the passage of this bill, I am not suggesting that institutions of worship should act as if there is no crisis when there genuinely is one. Rather, beyond First Amendment issues, I'm urging that due consideration be given to the capable and caring intentions of the leadership of such religious institutions who, in almost all cases, have exercised and will continue to exercise cautious and creative care for those under their care and also for the community at-large. It is my considered position that the state must not presume to interfere with or dictate the terms of their exercise of care. Instead, the state should consider such institutions to be performing a separate but equally vital role in society and engage in a cooperative effort to the extent possible. I believe that HB 542 establishes the statutory groundwork for such respectful and well-intentioned cooperation.

Thank you for hearing my input on this.

With sincere respect,

Matthew L. Brown
Merrimack, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Mark Williams <archerwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:40 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear Committee Members,

During this past year our faith community & church was able to actively engage with local community services due to the fact that our office and church membership was aloud to remain open. The contribution and work assisted many individuals because of the opportunities afforded as essential workers & services.

Please move forward HB 542.

Mark Williams
Greenfield, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jan Starring <starringjan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:29 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Vote for HB 542

Churches are essential. Our religious freedoms should not be taken away or viewed as “optional. I urge you to vote for HB542. Sincerely, Jan Starring.

Sent from my iPhone

Rebecca Stuart

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Rebecca Stuart

From: Mary Jane Rivest <maryjane.riv@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:03 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support of HB 542

I am writing you to let you know I support HB 542 In times of emergency it's important that we can gather in worship at our churches.

I ask for your vote in this matter.

Peace and thank you for serving our state and ...

Joy2You, Mary Jane Rivest
Bristol, NH

Rebecca Stuart

From: Patty Dickinson <seizethedaypatrish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:58 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542 Your support requested

Gentlemen & Ladies:

I'm writing to request that you support HB 542. Houses of worship must be protected from bans on assembling during a state of emergency. Freedom of worship is first of all a God-given privilege. For us, a constitutionally protected right of every American.

Your support of this bill will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Patricia Dickinson
Claremont NH

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jenna Pedone <jennapedone@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:56 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB 542

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your service to our state.

I am writing to ask for your support of HB 542. It is important to me and my family that houses of worship remain open during emergencies. Freedom of Religion is one of the most important freedoms we enjoy as Americans. I urge the government to not intrude on a citizens desire to attend a house of worship.

Thank you for supporting HB 542.

Warm regards,

Jenna Pedone
2200 Elm St
Manchester NH
603-361-2634

Rebecca Stuart

From: Jay MacDougall <malfred52@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:24 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB 542

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary,

Thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire.

I hope you will support this important bill. If needed, revise the bill to protect both public safety and our rights as citizens.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jay MacDougall
Rochester, NH
207-216-3205

Rebecca Stuart

From: Keith Ammon
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:48 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Cc: HCS
Subject: Draft Amendment HB 542 - 2021-0623h, Keith Ammon
Attachments: HB 542 - 2021-0623h.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Chairman Gordon and Members of the Committee.

HB542 relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship is being heard by your committee tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Attached, please find a proposed amendment to HB542 that merges the original language of HB542 with the original language of *HB440 relative to the protection of religious liberty*, Rep. Kofalt's bill. I was a co-sponsor on HB440 and Rep. Kofalt is a co-sponsor of HB542.

If you'll recall, the committee heard testimony on HB440 back on February 26, but an amendment was proposed to change the text of that bill in light of a December 2020 NH Supreme Court decision, *State v. Mack*. After discussions with some representatives, including your very own Rep. Wuelper, the idea was presented that it would be worth codifying these protections granted by the Mack decision into statute. This proposed amendment attempts to do that as well as put religious liberty protections into the RSA's governing emergency declarations.

I look forward to discussing this with you tomorrow.

Regards,

Rep Ammon

PS. I've CC'ed **HCS** to request that copies be printed and distributed to the committee room. Thank you.

From: AskOLS <AskOLS@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 14:05
To: Keith Ammon <Keith.Ammon@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: HB 542 - 2021-0623h, Keith Ammon
Importance: High

Attached please find a PDF of amendment 2021-0623h to HB 542 requested by Rep. Keith Ammon.

Please note that the amendment copy contains the "UNAPPROVED" watermark. Once OLS is notified that the amendment has been officially adopted by committee action, OLS will remove the watermark and release the amendment to the Clerk.

Sincerely,
Office of Legislative Services
State House, Rm 109
603-271-3435

Rebecca Stuart

From: Pastor J. Matthew Worrall <pastor@gcfnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:05 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: HB542

To the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is J. Matthew Worrall and I am pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship in Winchester, NH. I am writing in support to HB542. We had closed our church for 2 1/2 months last spring and witnessed much distress among our congregation. It was sad to see depression, anxiety and a general sense of fear overtake many in our congregation. I believe the church is an essential entity and we are equipped to minister to those who are struggling with these emotional difficulties. I believe it was and is unconstitutional for the state to mandate our closure yet allowed stores and some business's to remain open. It is unconstitutional for the governor to place any restrictions on churches and houses of worship according to the first amendment. We know well how to care for our community/congregation and we can be trusted to install what is necessary to keep our community/congregation safe during this time. We are well able to govern ourselves. The scripture is clear that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together and the constitution is clear that we have the legal right to govern ourselves in all aspects.

I thank you for your time in reading this. Tomorrow I am registered to speak and this email is the basis of what I will say.

Be blessed,

Pastor J. Matthew Worrall

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Rebecca Stuart

From: Lynda <lbelcourt@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:01 PM
To: ~House Judiciary Committee
Subject: [CAUTION: SUSPECT SENDER] HB 542

Dear House Judiciary Committee

I want to let you all know that I support HB 542!!! Churches are so very important and essential. We need all the churches of worship especially during these tough times. Please don't deprive us of this essential privilege.

Thank you for understanding and I certainly appreciate you reading my email.

Blessings,
Lynda Belcourt

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HB 542 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **542**

AN ACT relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4; Rep. O'Hara, Belk. 9

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any prohibition on in-person gatherings during a declared state of emergency shall not apply to houses of worship.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to the applicability of a state of emergency declaration to a house of worship.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Legislative Finding. If not checked, governments may trample on religious exercise by crafting generally applicable laws which do not explicitly target a religion or religious activity. The fact that a law is generally applicable does not mean that it complies with the federal or state free exercise clauses. As the United States Supreme Court has said, the “constitutional rights of those spreading their religious beliefs through the spoken and printed word are not to be gauged by standards governing retailers or wholesalers of books.” *Murdock v. Com. of Pennsylvania*, 319 U.S. 105, 111 (1943).

2 New Paragraph; State of Emergency Declaration; Powers; Application to Houses of Worship Limited. Amend RSA 4:45 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. To guarantee the free exercise of religion and right of the people to peaceably assemble, as required by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Part I, Article 5 of the New Hampshire constitution, any powers activated pursuant to a state of emergency shall not prohibit in-person gatherings at established houses of worship, such as churches, monasteries, mosques, shrines, synagogues, or temples, or temporary places of worship, such as a home bible study or other religious worship or study group or venue.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.