

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to SB 200:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to emergency powers of the Governor, so as to provide a limitation on
3 the Governor's power to control the practice of any religion during an emergency; to provide
4 for the continued operation of organizations during a public health state of emergency if they
5 comply with certain health and safety measures; to provide for a definition; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to emergency powers of the Governor, is amended in Code Section 38-3-51, relating
11 to emergency powers of Governor, termination of emergency, limitations in energy
12 emergency, and immunity, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(k) No power granted under the provisions of this Code section shall be utilized to
14 specifically limit the practice of any religion."

SECTION 2.

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16 Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

17 "38-3-59.18 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'organization' means any business,
19 establishment, corporation, nonprofit corporation, organization, or other entity.20 (b) During any state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Code Section
21 38-3-51 due to a public health emergency where the Governor has issued health and safety
22 measures in any order, rule, or regulation issued pursuant to Articles 1 through 3 of this
23 chapter in relation to such public health emergency, any organization may operate if the
24 organization complies with all applicable health and safety measures contained in such
25 order, rule, or regulation."

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SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.