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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Chenevert to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 306 by Senator Edmonds

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 14:38.6" insert "and Civil Code Art. 2315.14"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "definitions;" and before "to" insert the following:

5 "to provide for liability for damages for offenses related to the obstruction of the
6 freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship; to provide for injunctive relief;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, delete line 19 through 22 in their entirety

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 3, line 2, change "clergy" to "religious organization"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 3, delete lines 5 through 8 in their entirety and insert in the following:

13 **"(4)(a) "Disruptive activity" means intentional conduct occurring on the**
14 **property of a church or other place of worship during a worship service that**
15 **materially and substantially interferes with the service, including interruption**
16 **of the service or obstruction of access to any area used in connection with the**
17 **service, such as a sanctuary, chapel, nursery, children's ministry area, or other**
18 **designated worship-related space.**

19 **(b) "Disruptive activity" does not include behavior otherwise prohibited**
20 **by Subsection A of this Section."**

21 AMENDMENT NO. 6

22 On page 3, line 23, delete "When" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

23 **"In addition to any other penalty imposed pursuant to this Subsection,**
24 **when"**

25 AMENDMENT NO. 7

26 On page 3, at the end of line 24, insert" **less than two years and not"**

27 AMENDMENT NO. 8

28 On page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

1 "D. Any person who knowingly finances, funds, or otherwise provides
2 material support or assistance to another person with the intent to facilitate,
3 promote, or cause a violation of this Section shall be deemed to be a principal
4 pursuant to R.S. 14:24 and shall be subject to the same penalties as the person
5 who directly commits the violation of this Section.

6 Section 2. Civil Code Art. 2315.14 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 2315.14. Liability for damages caused by offenses related to obstruction
8 of freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship

9 A. In addition to general and special damages, a prevailing plaintiff shall
10 be awarded court costs and reasonable attorney fees upon proof that the
11 injuries on which the action is based were caused by conduct prohibited by R.S.
12 14:38.6 resulting in the injury to the person, obstruction of the freedom of
13 worship in a church or other place of worship, or damage to property,
14 regardless of whether the defendant was arrested, charged, or prosecuted for
15 such conduct.

16 B. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit any other cause of
17 action or remedy provided by law.

18 C. As used in this Article, a defendant includes any person who
19 knowingly aided, abetted, financed, funded, solicited, conspired, or otherwise
20 provided material support or assistance for conduct prohibited by R.S. 14:38.6.

21 D.(1) Recoverable damages pursuant to this Article may include but are
22 not limited to damages for physical injury, mental anguish, emotional distress,
23 property damage, lost income, interference with the free exercise of religion,
24 and any other damages authorized by law.

25 (2) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a court may grant
26 temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, permanent injunctions,
27 or declaratory relief, as well as court costs and reasonable attorney fees, to
28 prevent the conduct, or to prevent the continuation of the conduct, that is
29 prohibited by R.S. 14:38.6."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 9

31 On page 3, line 26, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 10

33 On page 4, line 27, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

34 AMENDMENT NO. 11

35 On page 5, line 4, change "Section 4." to "Section 5."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 12

37 On page 5, line 8, change "Section 5." to "Section 6."