

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, VILLIO, AND WILDER AND SENATOR HODGES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:103(C) and to enact R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3), relative  
3 to offenses affecting the general peace and order; to provide for conduct that  
4 constitutes disturbing the peace; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:103(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:103(A)(9)  
8 and (B)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §103. Disturbing the peace

10 A. Disturbing the peace is the doing of any of the following in such manner  
11 as would foreseeably disturb or alarm the public:

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13 (9) Interrupting any worship service or religious ceremony at a church or  
14 other place of worship by any of the following:

15 (a) Violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior directed at any person  
16 lawfully attending, leading, or participating in the service.

17 (b) Unreasonably loud or abusive language or noise such that the service is  
18 materially disrupted.



1                   (4) "Religious organization" means an entity that is operated for religious  
2                   purposes and qualifies for exemption from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the  
3                   Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. Section 501).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_