

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S1/24/13 H2/1/13*

2 89th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL 71

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5 By: Senators B. King, Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, J. English, Files, J. Hendren, Hester, Hickey,
6 Holland, Irvin, J. Key, M. Lamoureux, Rapert, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams, J. Woods

7 By: Representatives Bell, Harris, Alexander, D. Altes, Ballinger, Barnett, Bragg, Carnine, Clemmer,
8 Collins, Cozart, Dale, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Eubanks, Farrer, Fite,
9 Gillam, Gossage, Hammer, Hobbs, Jean, Kerr, Lea, Linck, Lowery, S. Malone, Mayberry, D. Meeks, S.
10 Meeks, Miller, Neal, Payton, Rice, Westerman, Womack

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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*AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE CHURCH PROTECTION ACT OF
14 2013; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.*

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Subtitle

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20 OF 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(16), concerning the prohibition
26 against carrying a concealed handgun in a church or other place of worship,
27 is amended to read as follows:

28 (16)(A) Any church or other place of worship.

29 (B) However, this subchapter does not preclude a church or other
30 place of worship from determining who may carry a concealed handgun into the
31 church or other place of worship;

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33 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that personal security is
35 increasingly important; that the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the
36 United States ensures a person's right to bear arms; and that this act is



1 immediately necessary because a person should be allowed to carry a firearm
2 in a church that permits the carrying of a firearm for personal security.
3 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
4 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
5 become effective on:

6 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

7 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
8 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
9 bill; or

10 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
11 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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13 /s/B. King
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