

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 857

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SEITZ.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to religious freedom.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 1.805, to read as follows:

**1.805. Neither the state of Missouri nor any political subdivision thereof shall at
2 any time, including during times of emergency or health crisis, prohibit, inhibit, restrict,
3 or prevent the freedom of religious expression or the freedom of assembly in places of
4 worship or any location being used for worship in any manner including, but not limited
5 to, the number of congregants who may be present, seat spacing requirements, dress code,
6 or manner of worship. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the enforcement of
7 state, local, or municipal fire codes that apply equally to religious and secular gatherings.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.