

HOUSE BILL No. 1503

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 34-13-9-0.7; IC 34-13-9-7.5.

Synopsis: Religious freedom restoration. Repeals the following provisions of the Indiana religious freedom restoration act: (1) An application provision stating certain limitations on the statute. (2) The definition of "provider".

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to repeal certain provisions of the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 34-13-9-0.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
2 PASSAGE]. ~~Sec. 0:7. This chapter does not:~~
3 ~~(1) authorize a provider to refuse to offer or provide services;~~
4 ~~facilities; use of public accommodations; goods; employment; or~~
5 ~~housing to any member or members of the general public on the~~
6 ~~basis of race; color; religion; ancestry; age; national origin;~~
7 ~~disability; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; or United~~
8 ~~States military service;~~
9 ~~(2) establish a defense to a civil action or criminal prosecution for~~
10 ~~refusal by a provider to offer or provide services; facilities; use of~~
11 ~~public accommodations; goods; employment; or housing to any~~
12 ~~member or members of the general public on the basis of race;~~
13 ~~color; religion; ancestry; age; national origin; disability; sex;~~
14 ~~sexual orientation; gender identity; or United States military~~
15 ~~service; or~~
16 ~~(3) negate any rights available under the Constitution of the State~~
17 ~~of Indiana.~~



1 SECTION 2. IC 34-13-9-7.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
2 PASSAGE]. Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "provider" means one (1)
3 or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, limited
4 liability companies, corporations, and other organized groups of
5 persons. The term does not include:

6 (1) A church or other nonprofit religious organization or society,
7 including an affiliated school, that is exempt from federal income
8 taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(a), as amended (excluding any
9 activity that generates unrelated business taxable income (as
10 defined in 26 U.S.C. 512, as amended));

11 (2) A rabbi, priest, preacher, minister, pastor, or designee of a
12 church or other nonprofit religious organization or society when
13 the individual is engaged in a religious or affiliated educational
14 function of the church or other nonprofit religious organization or
15 society.

16 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

