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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to religious freedom;
authorizing the display of the Ten Commandments
on public property; providing an effective
date.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence declares that
governments are instituted to secure certain unalienable
rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,
with which all human beings are endowed by their Creator and
to which they are entitled by the laws of nature and of
nature's God, and

WHEREAS, the organic laws of the United States Code and
the constitutions of every state, using various expressions,
recognize God as the source of the blessings of liberty, and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the
United States and Section 3, Article I of the State
Constitution secure rights against laws respecting an
establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise
thereof, and

WHEREAS, disputes and doubts have arisen with respect
to public displays of the Ten Commandments, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. DISPLAY OF TEN COMMANDMENTS.--The Ten
Commandments may be displayed on or within property owned or
administered by the state or its political subdivisions.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes the display of the Ten Commandments on public property.