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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Stargel) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (131762) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 255 and 256

5 insert:

6           Section 8. Section 760.101, Florida Statutes, is created to  
7 read:

8           760.101 Exemption from part.-

9           (1) As used in this section, the term:

10           (a) "Closely held for-profit entity" means an entity for  
11 which no ownership interest is publicly traded and in which at



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12 least 50 percent of the ownership interest is concentrated in 10  
13 or fewer owners.

14 (b) "Nonprofit entity" means an organization that qualifies  
15 for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. s. 501.

16 (c) "Religious institution" has the same meaning as in s.  
17 496.404(23).

18 (2) Notwithstanding s. 760.07 or s. 760.35, a cause of  
19 action may not be brought against a closely held for-profit  
20 entity, a nonprofit entity, or a religious institution for a  
21 violation of this part, part II of this chapter, or s. 509.092  
22 for discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual  
23 orientation, as those terms are defined in s. 760.02, if the  
24 entity or institution asserts a religious viewpoint or belief as  
25 the reason for the violation.

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete line 481

30 and insert:

31 creating s. 760.101, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting  
32 a cause of action from being brought against any  
33 closely held for-profit entity, nonprofit entity, or  
34 religious institution for specified violations under  
35 certain circumstances;