

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee  
 2 Representative Rodríguez, J. offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 761.061, Florida Statutes, is created  
 7 to read:

8 761.061 Rights of certain churches or religious  
 9 organizations or individuals.-

10 (1) A church or religious organization within the meaning  
 11 of s. 760.10(9), an individual employed by a church or religious  
 12 organization within the meaning of s. 760.10(9) while acting in  
 13 the scope of that employment, or a clergy member or minister may  
 14 not be required to solemnize any marriage.

15 (2) A church or religious organization within the meaning  
 16 of s. 760.10(9), an individual employed by a church or religious  
 17 organization within the meaning of s. 760.10(9) while acting in

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18 the scope of that employment, or a clergy member or minister may  
19 not be required to provide services, accommodations facilities,  
20 goods, or privileges outside the meaning of s. 760.02(11) for a  
21 purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration  
22 of any marriage if such an action would violate a sincerely held  
23 religious belief.

24 (3) A refusal to solemnize any marriage or provide  
25 services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges under  
26 subsection (1) or (2) may not serve as the basis for a civil or  
27 criminal cause of action or any other action by this state or a  
28 political subdivision of this state to penalize or withhold  
29 benefits or privileges, including tax exemptions or governmental  
30 contracts, grants, or licenses, from any entity or individual  
31 protected under subsection (1) or (2).

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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35 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

36 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
37 An act relating to churches or religious organizations;  
38 creating s. 761.061, F.S.; providing that churches,  
39 religious organizations, or certain individuals may not  
40 be required to solemnize any marriage or provide  
41 certain services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or  
42 privileges for related purposes if such action would  
43 violate a sincerely held religious belief; prohibiting

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44 certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental  
45 sanctions against such individuals or entities;  
46 providing an effective date.