

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Gaetz and Osgood

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to security services at places of worship; amending s. 493.6102, F.S.; providing an exemption from licensure requirements for certain volunteers who provide armed security services for places of worship; reenacting s. 493.6201(4), F.S., relating to classes of licenses, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 493.6102, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 493.6102, Florida Statutes, to read:

493.6102 Inapplicability of this chapter.—This chapter shall not apply to:

(16) Any person who, on a voluntary basis and without compensation, provides armed security services on the premises of a church, mosque, synagogue, or other place of worship.

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 493.6102, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 493.6201, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

493.6201 Classes of licenses.—

(4) Class "C" or Class "CC" licensees shall own or be an employee of a Class "A" agency, a Class "A" and Class "B" agency, or a branch office. This does not include those who are exempt under s. 493.6102, but who possess a Class "C" license solely for the purpose of holding a Class "G" license.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.