

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the security services on religious  
 3           premises; amending s. 493.6102, F.S.; exempting  
 4           certain persons providing voluntary armed security  
 5           services at churches or ecclesiastical or  
 6           denominational organizations from specified  
 7           requirements; providing requirements such persons must  
 8           meet to qualify for the exemption; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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

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

15           493.6102 Inapplicability of this chapter.—This chapter  
 16 shall not apply to:

17           (16) Any person who on a voluntary basis provides armed  
 18 security services on the premises of a church or ecclesiastical  
 19 or denominational organization having an established physical  
 20 place of worship in this state at which nonprofit religious  
 21 services and activities are regularly conducted, if:

22           (a) The person providing the armed security services holds  
 23 a valid license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued  
 24 pursuant s. 790.06.

25           (b) The security services are provided exclusively on the

26 | premises of a church or ecclesiastical or denominational  
27 | organization, including any property owned or leased by the  
28 | church or ecclesiastical or denominational organization for  
29 | worship, education, or religious activities.

30 | (c) The person providing the armed security services did  
31 | not receive any compensation for such services. For purposes of  
32 | this paragraph, the term "compensation" does not include  
33 | reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred and  
34 | related to the cost of training or the cost of equipment  
35 | necessary for providing the security services.

36 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.