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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 20 - 38
and insert:

(1) A church or religious organization as described in s. 760.10(9), an individual employed by a church or religious organization within the meaning of s. 760.10(9) while acting within the scope of that employment, a clergy member or minister, or an individual providing a ministerial function may not be required to solemnize any marriage.

(2) A church or religious organization as described in s.



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12 760.10(9), an individual employed by a church or religious
13 organization within the meaning of s. 760.10(9) while acting
14 within the scope of that employment, a clergy member or
15 minister, or an individual providing a ministerial function may
16 not be required to provide services, accommodations, facilities,
17 goods, or privileges outside the meaning of s. 760.02(11) for a
18 purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration
19 of any marriage if such an action would cause the church or
20 religious organization, an individual employed by such an
21 organization within the scope of that employment, a clergy
22 member or minister acting within the scope of services or
23 activities provided by such an organization, or an individual
24 providing a ministerial function within the scope of services or
25 activities provided such an organization to violate a sincerely
26 held religious belief of the entity or individual.

27 (3) The terms "services," "accommodations," "facilities,"
28 "goods," or "privileges" as described in subsection (2) may not
29 be interpreted to mean solemnization of marriage. The provisions
30 in subsection (2) do not abridge the rights regarding the
31 solemnization of marriage as provided in subsection (1).

32 (4) A refusal to solemnize any marriage or provide
33 services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges under
34 subsection (1) or subsection (2) may not serve as the basis for
35 a civil or criminal cause of action or any other action by this
36 state or a political subdivision of this state to penalize or
37 withhold benefits or privileges, including tax exemptions or
38 governmental contracts, grants, or licenses, from any entity or
39 individual protected under subsection (1) or subsection (2).

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42 And the title is amended as follows:

43 Delete line 9

44 and insert:

45 violate a sincerely held religious belief; providing
46 that certain terms do not include solemnization of
47 marriage; prohibiting certain rights from being
48 abridged; prohibiting