

By Senator Gaetz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to security services at places of  
3           worship; amending s. 493.6102, F.S.; providing an  
4           exemption from licensure requirements for certain  
5           volunteers who provide armed security services for  
6           places of worship under certain circumstances;  
7           reenacting s. 493.6201(4), F.S., relating to classes  
8           of licenses, to incorporate the amendment made to s.  
9           493.6102, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an  
10          effective date.

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

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

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

18           (16) Any person who, on a voluntary basis and without  
19 compensation, provides armed security services on the premises  
20 of a church, mosque, synagogue, or other place of worship,  
21 provided that all of the following conditions are met:

22           (a) Such services are provided subject to an armed security  
23 plan approved by the sheriff's office in that county.

24           (b) The volunteer passes a level 2 background screening  
25 pursuant to s. 435.04.

26           (c) The volunteer holds a valid Florida concealed weapon or  
27 concealed firearm license under s. 790.06.

28           (d) The security services are provided exclusively on the  
29 premises of the church, mosque, synagogue, or other place of

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30 worship, including any property owned or leased by the religious  
31 institution for worship, education, or religious activities.

32 (e) The volunteer does not receive compensation for the  
33 security services. For purposes of this subsection, compensation  
34 does not include reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually  
35 incurred and related to the cost of the volunteer's training.

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

40 493.6201 Classes of licenses.—

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

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