

675.4 Free exercise of religion protected.

1. State action shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the government demonstrates that applying the burden to that person's exercise of religion is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

2. A person whose exercise of religion has been substantially burdened in violation of [this chapter](#) may assert such violation as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and obtain appropriate relief, including damages, injunctive relief, or other appropriate redress. Standing to assert a claim or defense under [this chapter](#) shall be governed by the general rules of standing under state and federal law. The plaintiff, if the prevailing party, may also recover reasonable attorney fees and costs.

[2024 Acts, ch 1003, §6 – 8](#)

Referred to in [§331.301, 364.1](#)