

House File 2532 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2097)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the regulation of places and practices of
2 worship by the governor.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 7.19 Regulation of places and
2 practices of worship — limitation.

3 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
4 governor shall not close, place a mandate on, or otherwise
5 regulate a place or practice of worship for any reason,
6 including through the proclamation of a disaster emergency
7 pursuant to chapter 29C or public health disaster pursuant to
8 section 135.144. For the purposes of this section, "*place of*
9 *worship*" means a building in which an active congregation is
10 devoted to worship.

11	EXPLANATION
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12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill prohibits the governor from closing, placing a
15 mandate on, or otherwise regulating a place or practice of
16 worship for any reason, including through the proclamation
17 of a disaster emergency or public health disaster. The bill
18 defines "place of worship" as a building in which an active
19 congregation is devoted to worship.