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3 By Senator Ward
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law or rule certain
9 church-owned buildings are subject to certain
10 advanced fire protection standards.

11 This bill would exempt church-owned
12 buildings which have an area greater than 12,000
13 square feet from Section 903 of the International
14 Fire Code 903 and the National Fire Protection
15 Association Code 909 for a period of 60 days after
16 the declaration of a disaster by the state or
17 federal government if the church is hosting or
18 housing volunteers within the building who are
19 responding to the disaster if all the volunteers
20 are 18 years of age or over.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 To exempt church-owned buildings which have an area
27 greater than 12,000 square feet from Section 903 of the

1 International Fire Code 903 and the National Fire Protection
2 Association Code 909 for a period of 60 days after the
3 declaration of a disaster by the state or federal government
4 if the church is hosting or housing volunteers within the
5 building who are responding to the disaster if all the
6 volunteers are 18 years of age or over.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) For the purpose of this act, the term
9 "Church" shall mean an indefinite number of persons who have
10 made a public confession of religion and who are associated
11 together by a covenant of church fellowship for the purpose of
12 worshiping and watching over the spiritual welfare of each
13 other.

14 (b) All church-owned buildings which have an area
15 greater than 12,000 square feet are exempt from Section 903 of
16 the International Fire Code 903 and the National Fire
17 Protection Association Code 909 after the declaration of a
18 disaster by the state or federal government if the church is
19 hosting or housing volunteers within the building who are
20 responding to the disaster if all the volunteers are 18 years
21 of age or over. The exemption shall be for the duration of the
22 disaster, however, it shall be no longer than three years.

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.