

House Bill 536

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Bonner of the 72nd, Pirkle of the 155th, Lott of the 122nd, Corbett of the 174th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 emergency management, so as to provide a limitation on the Governor's power to control the
3 practice of any religion during an emergency; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
8 management, is amended in Code Section 38-3-51, relating to emergency powers of
9 Governor, termination of emergency, limitations in energy emergency, and immunity, by
10 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(k) No power granted under the provisions of this Code section shall be utilized to
12 specifically limit the practice of any religion."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.