HOUSE BILL 1694

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, relative to prohibiting certain actions during an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(n) During a state of emergency, major disaster, or natural disaster, this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a public official shall not prohibit, or otherwise restrict, the lawful operations of a church, temple, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship or religious practice, including religious services or activities.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.