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A Bill

SENATE BILL 71

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE CHURCH PROTECTION ACT OF
10 2013; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO BE KNOWN AS THE CHURCH PROTECTION ACT
16 OF 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(16), concerning the prohibition
22 against carrying a concealed handgun in a church or other place of worship,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 (16)(A) Any church or other place of worship.

25 (B) However, this subchapter does not preclude a church or other
26 place of worship from determining who may carry a concealed handgun into the
27 church or other place of worship;
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29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that personal security is
31 increasingly important; that the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the
32 United States ensures a person's right to bear arms; and that this act is
33 immediately necessary because a person should be allowed to carry a firearm
34 in a church that permits the carrying of a firearm for personal security.
35 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
36 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall



1 become effective on:

2 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

3 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
4 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
5 bill; or

6 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
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/s/B. King

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