

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB1329 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Travis Dunlap _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 PROPOSED
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1329

By: Ford of the Senate

and

Dunlap of the House

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10 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to building codes; exempting certain
12 church activities from certain occupancy ratings and
13 codes; construing certain use of building; limiting
14 certain use; providing certain exception to certain
15 limitations; prohibiting charge for certain church
16 accommodations; construing certain building as a non-
17 violation of code; defining terms; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 317.2 of Title 74, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code or any
24 building code adopted by any political subdivision of this state, or
any rules or regulations promulgated thereto, shall prohibit any
Fire Marshal, or any state agency or political subdivision of this

1 state or its officials, from allowing a church that is occupancy-
2 rated an A3 building pursuant to the International Building Code to
3 utilize its building space for temporary overnight visitors for the
4 purpose of religious retreats, ministry programs, overnight or lock-
5 in events, emergency or catastrophic occurrences, to shelter
6 transient persons or to accommodate displaced persons due to
7 hardship or inclement weather. Such building use shall not
8 constitute a change in code occupancy rating, purposes or
9 activities. Provided, any temporary overnight visitor space
10 utilized by a church within its existing buildings as authorized by
11 this section shall be authorized only for a limited duration, unless
12 the Governor has declared a state of emergency or exigent
13 circumstances exist. The church acting pursuant to the provisions
14 of this section shall not charge for its accommodations nor be
15 deemed a bed and breakfast, hotel or motel for any code occupancy
16 rating purposes.

17 B. Nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code or any code
18 adopted by any political subdivision of this state, or any rules or
19 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, shall be construed to
20 cause a church to be in violation of the Oklahoma Uniform Building
21 Code or any building code adopted by a political subdivision of this
22 state for the sole reason the church offers temporary overnight
23 visitor services within the authority of this section.

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1 C. As used in this section:

2 1. "Church" means a facility that is owned by a religious
3 organization and that is used primarily for religious services;

4 2. "Religious organization" means any church, seminary,
5 synagogue, temple, mosque, religious order, religious corporation,
6 association or society, whose identity is distinctive in terms of
7 common religious creed, beliefs, doctrines, practices or rituals, of
8 any faith or denomination, including any organization qualifying as
9 a church or religious organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(d)
10 of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

11 3. "Temporary" means no more than seven (7) consecutive days,
12 accumulating to no more than twenty-eight (28) days in a calendar
13 year.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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