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7 An Act relating to definitions and general
8 provisions; providing that church, religious assembly
9 or community of faith or personnel thereof not
10 required to conduct certain proceedings or allow
11 certain use of facilities and property; providing
12 that church, religious assembly or community of faith
13 or facilities or property not be considered public
14 accommodation under certain circumstances; providing
15 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2101 of Title 25, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No Oklahoma church, religious assembly or other community of
faith or any minister, elder, deacon or other officiant thereof
shall be required to conduct, preside over, officiate or facilitate
a service, ceremony, celebration or other gathering whose method or
purpose violates the doctrine, faith and practice of that
organization or group or whose method or purpose offends the
religious or moral conscience of the requested officiant.

1 B. No Oklahoma church, religious assembly or other community of
2 faith shall be required to allow its facilities or property to be
3 used to conduct, preside over, officiate or facilitate a service,
4 ceremony, celebration or other gathering whose method or purpose
5 violates its doctrine, faith or practice or whose method or purpose
6 offends the religious or moral conscience of the congregation.

7 C. No Oklahoma church building, auxiliary building or other
8 facility used by a church, religious assembly or other community of
9 faith shall be considered a public accommodation unless it regularly
10 offers the use of said facilities and property to the general public
11 on a for profit basis.

12 D. No Oklahoma church building, auxiliary building or other
13 facility used by a church, religious assembly or other community of
14 faith shall be considered a public accommodation by virtue of the
15 fact that it allows the use of said facility by members of the
16 community or community organizations for purposes which do not
17 otherwise violate the doctrine, faith and practice of that
18 congregation or whose method or purpose does not offend the
19 religious or moral conscience of the congregation.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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