



government

Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Religious Freedom Restoration Act
Absentee Voting	Absentee Voting ☒
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials



health care

General Conscience Protection	General Conscience Protection	☒
Abortion Refusal	Individual-Level Abortion Refusal	☒
	Private Hospital Abortion Refusal	☒
	Public Hospital Abortion Refusal	☒
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Abortion)	☒
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Abortion)	☒
	Protection from Government Consequences (Abortion)	☒
	Refusal in Emergency (Abortion)	
	Disposal of Abortion Remains	
Sterilization Refusal	Individual-Level Sterilization Refusal	☒
	Private Hospital Sterilization Refusal	☒
	Public Hospital Sterilization Refusal	☒
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Sterilization)	☒
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Sterilization)	☒
	Protection from Government Consequences (Sterilization)	☒
Contraception Refusal	Individual-Level Contraception Refusal	☒
	Private Hospital Contraception Refusal	☒
	Public Hospital Contraception Refusal	☒
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Contraception)	☒
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Contraception)	☒
	Protection from Government Consequences (Contraception)	☒
Euthanasia Refusal	Euthanasia Refusal	☒
Recusal of Counseling Provider	Right to Opt Out of Mental Counseling	☒
	Right to Opt Out of Genetic Counseling*	☒
Health Insurance Mandates	Exemption from Contraception Mandate	☒
	Exemption from Abortion Mandate	☒
	Exemption from Sterilization Mandate	☒

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are new in 2026.



economic life

Nonparticipation in Economic Arrangements	For-Profit Business Nonparticipation in Wedding Ceremonies
	Nonparticipation in Union Membership*
No Religious Discrimination in Financial Services/Insurance Provision	Insurance Companies Prohibited from Denying Access
	Financial Institutions Prohibited from Denying Access



religious life

Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected	Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected
Ceremonial Use of Alcohol by Minors	Furnishment to Minors
	Consumption by Minors
Houses of Worship Protected from Closing	Houses of Worship Protected from Closing
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy
Religious Entity Refusal to Participate in Weddings	Nonparticipation by Religious Organizations
	Explicit Protection of Tax-Exempt Status
	Protections from Government Penalties Beyond Tax-Exempt Status



family and education

Immunization Requirement Exemption	Immunization Requirement Exemption
School Protections	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Observance
	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Instruction
	Public College and University Students Excused for Religious Observance
	Right of Student Athletes to Wear Faith-Related Attire
	Right to Opt Out of Sex Education Assignments
	Equal Access for College Students*
No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility	No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility

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Religious Liberty in the States 2026 Rankings

