

South Carolina



GOVERNMENT

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| 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

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| 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* | Recusal of Counseling Provider* | ✓ |
| Health Insurance Mandates | Exemption from Contraception Mandate | ✓ |
| | Exemption from Abortion Mandate | ✓ |
| | Exemption from Sterilization Mandate | ✓ |

Safeguards or items marked with an asterisk (*) are new in 2025.



ECONOMIC LIFE

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



RELIGIOUS LIFE

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| Clergy as Mandatory Reporters | Clergy as Mandatory Reporters | ✓ |
| 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 | |

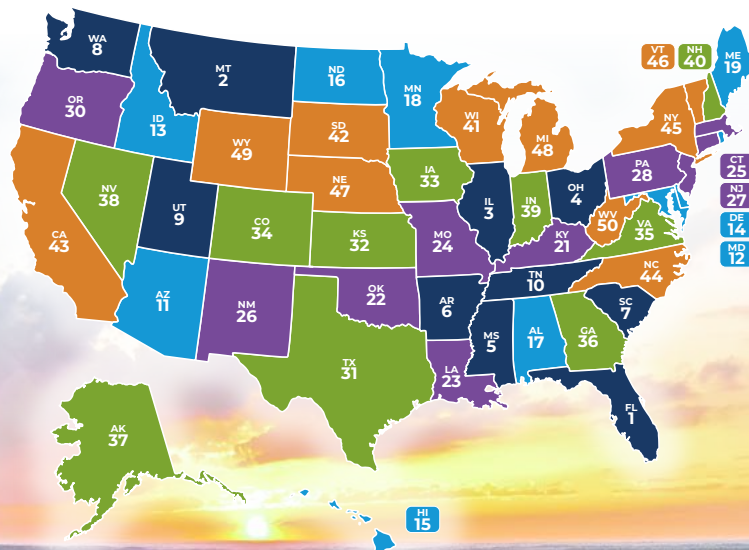


FAMILY AND EDUCATION

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| 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* | ✓ |
| No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility* | No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility* | |

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Religious Liberty in the States 2025 Rankings



↑ more religious freedom

- Ranks #1-10
- Ranks #11-20
- Ranks #21-30
- Ranks #31-40
- Ranks #41-50