

South Dakota



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*	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

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

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

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

