

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1416, Page 3, Section 1.304, Line 79, by inserting after all of said section
2 and line the following:

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4 "44.104. 1. Notwithstanding section 1.302 to the contrary, the state, any state agency,
5 political subdivision, county commission, county health board, or any person shall not prohibit or
6 restrict the free exercise of religion, including attendance or participation in any prayer, service,
7 meeting, or similar religious activity, during an emergency.

8 2. During an emergency, any hospital licensed under chapter 197 shall not limit visiting
9 hours for clergy or persons ordained for religious or pastoral duties if requested by the patient or the
10 family of a critically ill patient, in accordance with such hospital's established regular visitation
11 hours and security protocols."; and

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13 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
14 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____