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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the rights of certain religious organizations and
3 individuals relating to a marriage that violates a sincerely held
4 religious belief.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Family Code, is amended by adding
7 Subchapter G to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER G. FREEDOM OF RELIGION WITH RESPECT TO RECOGNIZING OR
9 PERFORMING CERTAIN MARRIAGES

20 Sec. 2.602. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

21 PROHIBITED. A refusal to provide services, accommodations,

22 facilities, goods, or privileges under Section 2.601 is not the

23 basis for a civil or criminal cause of action or any other action by

24 this state or a political subdivision of this state to penalize or

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1 withhold benefits or privileges, including tax exemptions or
2 governmental contracts, grants, or licenses, from any protected
3 organization or individual.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.