

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 694  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2023; February 17, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 4, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 2; April 4, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to liability of a religious organization or an employee or  
 1-22 volunteer of a religious organization for security services  
 1-23 provided to the organization.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 84, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 84.0067 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 84.0067. LIABILITY ARISING FROM PROVISION OF SECURITY  
 1-28 SERVICES TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. (a) In this section:

1-29 (1) "Religious organization" means a charitable  
 1-30 organization that is a religious organization under Section  
 1-31 110.011(b).

1-32 (2) "Security personnel" means an individual:

1-33 (A) whom a religious organization hires to  
 1-34 provide security services to the organization as an employee; or

1-35 (B) who is a volunteer of a religious  
 1-36 organization whose duties or functions include providing security  
 1-37 services to the organization.

1-38 (b) A religious organization or security personnel of a  
 1-39 religious organization is immune from civil liability for any act  
 1-40 or omission by the security personnel resulting in death, damage,  
 1-41 or injury if the security personnel was acting in the course and  
 1-42 scope of the security personnel's employment or volunteer duties or  
 1-43 functions, as applicable, to provide security services to the  
 1-44 organization, including:

1-45 (1) notwithstanding Section 84.007(a), an intentional  
 1-46 act; and

1-47 (2) an act involving possession or use of a firearm.

1-48 SECTION 2. Section 84.0067, Civil Practice and Remedies  
 1-49 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that  
 1-50 accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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