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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1887

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; prohibiting closing of places of worship during an
- 1.3 emergency declaration; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.4 chapter 12.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. **[12.281] ORDERS RELATING TO PLACES OF WORSHIP.**
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision
- 1.8 have the meanings given them.
- 1.9 (b) "Place of worship" means a building or grounds where religious activities are
- 1.10 conducted.
- 1.11 (c) "Public official" means any elected official or designated officer, employee or agent
- 1.12 of the state or political subdivision, or other public body established by law.
- 1.13 Subd. 2. **Prohibition on closing places of worship.** A government agency or public
- 1.14 official may not issue an order under the authority of this chapter that closes or has the effect
- 1.15 of closing places of worship in the state or in a geographic area of the state.