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State Representative Brian Seitz Stands Up for Religious Freedom Protection Bill

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Rep. Bill Seitz addressed fellow House members Tuesday morning during debate over House Bill 75, which establishes the Missouri Religious Freedom Protection Act.

HB 75, introduced by Rep. Cathy Jo Loy, R-Carthage, reinforces constitutional protections against government intervention in an individual's right to practice religion. The bill explicitly prohibits public officials from issuing orders that limit or prohibit a religious group or place of worship from holding services or meetings.

“We’re here to secure the liberties of the people, not to squelch those liberties,” said Seitz, R-Branson. “This bill ... assures that even in the midst of a possible new ‘scam-demic,’ government does not trump religious practices.”

HB 75 is a response to local municipalities restricting or criminalizing religious gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill passed the House on third reading with 106 votes in favor.

“Government exists to protect our liberties, not squelch our liberties,” Seitz said.

HB 75 now moves to the Missouri Senate for consideration.

Representative Brian Seitz, a Republican, represents Taney County (District 156) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. For more information, please contact Rep. Seitz at 573-751-1309 or by email at Brian.Seitz@house.mo.gov.

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