

HR 7875

Equal Opportunity First Amendment Act

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Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Oct 23, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires states and local governments to enforce orders limiting public gatherings under emergency declarations equally.

Specifically, the bill (1) prohibits states and units of local government that issue orders that limit gatherings to a certain number of people pursuant to a national emergency or similar state emergency declaration from discriminating in the enforcement of such order, in the case of persons who are exercising a right protected under the First Amendment; and (2) authorizes a private right of action in U.S. district court by a person who is harmed by a violation of this provision.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
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