

HB1371 Favorable with Amendment (see below):

I cannot support this bill as written. If I were to support it as is, I would be implying that a government-declared emergency can shut down churches/freedom to worship and this would directly violate the Md Constitution (Article 44 of the Declaration of Rights in the Md Constitution, states that “That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply, as well in time of war, as in time of peace, and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism.”). **Therefore I support this bill with the following amendment only: Add an amendment that states that HB1371 reaffirms Article 44 of the Declaration of Rights in the Md Constitution.**

Sincerely,

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