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# Bill 89

**An Act to amend the Human Rights Code with respect to religious expression**

**Mr. S. Oosterhoff**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      March 1, 2022

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the Human Rights Code with respect to religious expression**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1** Section 1 of the *Human Rights Code* is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**2 (1)** Subsection 2 (1) of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**(2)** Subsection 2 (2) of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**3** Section 3 of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**4 (1)** Subsection 5 (1) of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**(2)** Subsection 5 (2) of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**5** Section 6 of the Act is amended by adding “religious expression” after “creed”.

**Commencement**

**6** This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

**Short title**

**7** The short title of this Act is *Protecting Ontario’s Religious Diversity Act, 2022*.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill amends the *Human Rights Code* to specify that every person has a right to equal treatment without discrimination because of religious expression with respect to,

- (a) services, goods and facilities (section 1 of the Code);
- (b) accommodation (subsections 2 (1) and (2) of the Code);
- (c) contracting (section 3 of the Code);
- (d) employment (subsections 5 (1) and (2) of the Code); and
- (e) membership in a trade union, trade or occupational association or self-governing profession (section 6 of the Code).