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A BILL to prohibit censorship of sermons made by chaplains of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force.

Patron—Barker

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the religious content of sermons, homilies, preaching, religious messages, or other speeches within religious services made by chaplains of the Virginia National Guard while in Title 32 or State Active Duty status or of the Virginia Defense Force shall not be censored or restricted by any state government official or agency, so long as such content does not urge disobedience of lawful orders and members of the National Guard or Defense Force are not required to attend the service or event where such content is delivered.