

# The Religious Freedom Act

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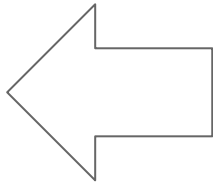
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# What is the Religious Freedom Act?

The Religious Freedom Act was passed on November 16th, 1993. This act is a federal act that ensures interests in religious freedom are protected. Basically meaning it prevents the government from making restrictions on how you practice your religion. The law was passed under Bill Clinton's presidency, and was **amended** in the wake of the City of Boerne v. Flores case in 1997.

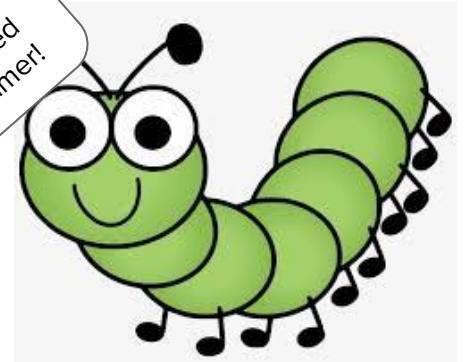


**Former president  
Bill Clinton**



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Did you know? The Religious Freedom Act was introduced by Chuck Schumer!





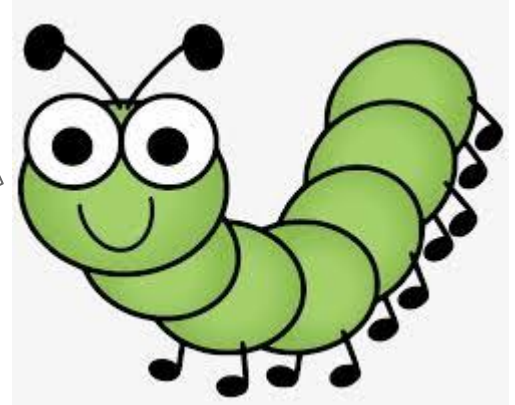
# Why does this help us?

The Religious Freedom Act helps us because it gives us religious freedom. Religious Freedom is the right for you to choose whatever religion you want without **interference** from others. A person can object a law on the RFRA for several reasons, this includes if they need to wear certain things, or are not able to cut their hair or eat certain foods. For example, if someone wants to be a police officer or a doctor and is required by their religion to wear a **yarmulke** or a **hajib** and the company refuses, that person can sue the company under the RFRA because they refused to let them participate in their spiritual beliefs.



Did you know? Currently 21 states have their version of a Religious Freedom Act. Some states include Alabama, Pennsylvania and Florida.

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# Words you should know!

Amended- To modify a legal document or legislative bill formally.

Amendment- An article added to the U.S. Constitution.

Hajib- A Hajib is a veil worn by some women of the Muslim religion.

Interference- The action of interfering or the process of being interfered with.

Mandate- An official order to do something.

Yarmulke- A Yarmulke is a skullcap worn in public by men of the Orthodox Jewish faith during prayer by other Jewish men.