

**Amendment to H.R. 1960  
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014**

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**Have you been in touch with HASC staff regarding this amendment?** Yes

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*It is entirely normal and appropriate if this amendment has not been coordinated with HASC staff. This space just expedites delivery to the PSM for those MLAs that have chosen to coordinate with a PSM.*

**Is this Bill Language or Directive Report Language (DRL)?** Bill

**Is this a revision of a previously submitted amendment?** No

**If yes, what is the log number?** \_\_\_\_\_

**1-2 sentence factual summary:**

Clarifies religious freedom protections for members of the Armed Forces and directs the Secretary of Defense to consult with official military faith-group representatives in issuing regulations for such protections.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960**

**OFFERED BY MR. FLEMING OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . EXPANSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTEC-**  
2 **TION OF RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE OF MEM-**  
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CHAP-**  
4 **LAINS OF SUCH MEMBERS.**

5 (a) ACCOMMODATION OF MEMBERS' BELIEFS, AC-  
6 TIONS, AND SPEECH.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 533  
7 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
8 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1727; 10 U.S.C.  
9 prec. 1030 note) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “The Armed Forces shall ac-  
11 commodate the beliefs” and inserting “Except in  
12 cases of military necessity, the Armed Forces shall  
13 accommodate the beliefs, actions, and speech”; and  
14 (2) by inserting “, actions, or speech” after  
15 “such beliefs”.

16 (b) NARROW EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a)(2) of such  
17 section is amended by striking “that threaten” and insert-  
18 ing “that actually harm”.

1           (c) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS; CONSULTA-  
2 TION.—The implementation regulations required by sub-  
3 section (c) of such section shall be issued not later than  
4 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. In  
5 preparing such regulations, the Secretary of Defense shall  
6 consult with the official military faith-group representa-  
7 tives who endorse military chaplains.

