

Senate Bill 200

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 2nd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to emergency powers of the Governor, so as to provide for the continued
3 operation of religious institutions during states of emergency; provide that certain businesses
4 may continue or resume operations if in compliance with applicable safety procedures during
5 states of emergency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to emergency powers of the governor, is amended by adding new Code Sections to
11 read as follows:

12 "38-3-59.

13 A church, mosque, synagogue, or other religious institution may continue operations and
14 all activities attendant to the free exercise of religious beliefs during a state of emergency
15 declared pursuant to this article.

16 38-3-59.1.

17 During a state of emergency declared pursuant to this article, a business may continue or
18 resume its operations, provided that such business complies with all safety precautions and
19 procedures issued or ordered by the Governor under the authority of this article."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.