

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY

**Georgia State Capitol  
South Steps - 2nd Floor**

**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**

*The Capitol Coalition  
of Conservative Leaders*

**Invites You to Join Us for a**

**TIME of PRAYER at NOON**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor: Rm. # 125; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: Rm. # 213;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor: Mezzanine; 4<sup>th</sup> Floor: Rm. # 450

to Pray & Stand Together for the  
Free Exercise of Our Religious Liberty  
& to Advance the Passing of the

**"Preservation of Religious Freedom Act"**

SB 377 ~ Sponsored by:

**Senators Josh McKoon, David Shafer, William Ligon**

**PASTORS/SPEAKERS CONFIRMED**

**Dr. Don Hattaway:** President, Georgia Baptist Convention

**Bishop Wellington Boone:** Fellowship of International Churches

**Dr. Tom Rush:** Berean Baptist Church (Social Circle)

**Rev. Rocky Abernathy:** International House of Prayer, Cartersville

**And Others...**

## THE FACTS ON SB 377

**What is the history of RFRA?** SB377 is a proposed Georgia law that mirrors federal legislation called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, hereafter referred to as RFRA. RFRA was signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1993 and was voted into federal law almost unanimously by Congress.

**Is RFRA non-partisan?** Yes, RFRA was supported by Republicans and Democrats alike. The federal bill's sponsors included Senator Chuck Schumer and Senator Ted Kennedy. President Barack Obama voted in favor of the Illinois version of the bill when he was a state legislator. The argument that it is Republicans only that have supported this is completely false.

**Are state versions currently in practice?** Yes, State versions are practiced in a total of 31 States as follows: 18 states have passed their own version of RFRA, and judges in 13 additional states have affirmed RFRA protections to citizens on a statewide basis.

**Why is a state version necessary if it is already federal law?** For a variety of reasons.

First and foremost "The federal government did not form the states. The states formed the federal government" - President Ronald Reagan

Simply put...state agencies have shown a reckless disregard for this federal law, and a state version is needed to provide citizens and businesses with an extra layer of protection.

The federal law protects people from having government action taken against them, because they were exercising their First Amendment right of freedom of religion, conviction, and expression. It does not protect people from private legal action. The state version would.

The federal version does not protect private business, only individuals. State law would protect private businesses of people of all religions, as our First Amendment guarantees, but has been trampled upon.

**Is this the same as the Arizona Bill Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed?** No. State RFRA is ALREADY the law in Arizona. The bill she vetoed was an additional bill above even a statewide RFRA.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY