

**Parliament: Bill On Religious Conversion Withdrawn
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- A bill that allows one parent to give consent for the religious conversion of a child was withdrawn from the Dewan Rakyat Monday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom tabled a motion to withdraw the Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Bill 2013.

Also withdrawn were the related Syariah Court Civil Procedure (Federal Territories) (Amendment) Bill 2013 and the Syariah Criminal Procedure (Federal Territories) (Amendment) Bill 2013.

The bills were due for second reading. They were tabled for first reading on June 26.

The withdrawal of the Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Bill 2013 is in keeping with a decision of the Cabinet at its meeting last Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had said after the meeting that it was decided to withdraw the bill until the approval of all stakeholders had been received.

He had also said that concerns had been expressed by various quarters, including from within the Barisan Nasional.

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