

Calendar No. 394

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 994**

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2017

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 26, 2018

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religiously
5 Affiliated Institutions Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELI-**
 2 **GIOUS AFFILIATION.**

3 Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is
 4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting after “or
 6 attempts” the following: “or threatens”;

7 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting after “or at-
 8 tempts” the following: “or threatens”;

9 (3) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking the
 11 “and” at the end;

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
 13 paragraph (5); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
 15 following:

16 “(4) if damage to or destruction of religious
 17 real property results from the acts committed in vio-
 18 lation of this section, a fine in accordance with this
 19 title or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or
 20 both; and”;

21 (4) in subsection (f), by inserting before the pe-
 22 riod at the end the following: “, or real property
 23 owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated
 24 organization”.

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 3 *Affiliated Institutions Act of 2018”.*

4 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELI-**
 5 **GIOUS AFFILIATION.**

6 *Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-*
 7 *ed—*

8 (1) *in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after*
 9 *“threat of force,” the following: “including by threat*
 10 *of force against religious real property,”;*

11 (2) *in subsection (d)—*

12 (A) *in the matter preceding paragraph (1),*
 13 *by inserting “or (c)” after “subsection (a)”;*

14 (B) *in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at*
 15 *the end;*

16 (C) *by redesignating paragraph (4) as*
 17 *paragraph (5); and*

18 (D) *by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*
 19 *lowing:*

20 *“(4) if damage to or destruction of property re-*
 21 *sults from the acts committed in violation of this sec-*
 22 *tion, which damage to or destruction of such property*
 23 *is in an amount that exceeds \$5,000, a fine in accord-*
 24 *ance with this title, imprisonment for not more than*
 25 *3 years, or both; and”;* and

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2 riod at the end the following: “, or real property
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