

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 994

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## AN ACT

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religiously  
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  
7 amended—

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 (e)” 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  
19 following:

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

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

Passed the Senate September 4, 2018.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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