

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 994

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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