

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 994

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2017

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

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## 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”.

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

8       Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9       amended—

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

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

5           (3) in subsection (d)—

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

8                 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
9 paragraph (5); and

10                (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
11 following:

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

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

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