

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1730

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 2017”.

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 paragraph (3), by striking “and” at
13 the end;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
15 paragraph (5); and

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
17 following:

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

24 (3) in subsection (f), by inserting before the pe-
25 riod at the end the following: “, or real property

1 owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated
2 organization”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.