

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1730  
OFFERED BY M . \_\_\_\_\_**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**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 (3) the following:

17 “(4) if damage to or destruction of property re-  
18 sults from the acts committed, by means of fire or

1 explosives, in violation of this section, a fine in ac-  
2 cordance with this title and imprisonment for not  
3 more than 3 years, or both; and”;

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

