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Protecting Religiously Affiliated Institutions Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Law: 115-249 (Enacted Sep 28, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 1, 2017
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 19, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 26, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1730	Related bill	Dec 12, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal criminal code to modify an existing prohibition on intentionally obstructing, by force or threat of force, a person in the free exercise of religious beliefs.

The bill specifies that, with respect to the prohibition, a threat of force includes a threat of force against religious real property.

Additionally, it establishes a criminal penalty—a fine, a prison term of up to three years, or both—for a violation that results in damage or destruction to religious real property in an amount that exceeds \$5,000.

Finally, the bill broadens the definition of "religious real property" to include real property owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated organization.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 28, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-249.
- **Sep 18, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H7925)
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Mrs. Handel asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H7925)
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- **Sep 7, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6032-6033; text of measure as passed: CR S6033)
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- **Aug 22, 2018:** By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-325.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 394.
- **Apr 19, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.