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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to crimes; to establish the crime of disruption of a worship service; and to provide criminal penalties for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) CHURCH BUILDING. Any church building, mosque, synagogue, or other religious real property.

(2) CHURCH PROPERTY. The area contiguous to a church building which is used for ingress or egress to the church building or any other religious purpose.

(3) DISORDERLY CONDUCT. The crime of disorderly conduct pursuant to Section 13A-11-7, Code of Alabama 1975.

(4) HARASSMENT. The crime of harassment pursuant to Section 13A-11-8(a), Code of Alabama 1975.

(5) RIOT. The crime of riot pursuant to Section 13A-11-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

(6) WORSHIP SERVICE. The assemblage of individuals for religious worship.

(b) An individual commits the crime of disruption of a



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29 worship service if, during a worship service that has a
30 scheduled starting time, the individual knowingly enters a
31 church building or church property with the intent to disrupt
32 the worship service and does any of the following:

33 (1) Engages in a riot.

34 (2) Engages in disorderly conduct.

35 (3) Engages in harassment of any individual participant
36 of the worship service.

37 (4) Obstructs the ingress or egress to the church
38 building or church property.

39 (c) An individual who violates this section shall be
40 guilty of a Class C felony.

41 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
42 1, 2026.



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