

SENATE BILL No. 19

January 19, 2011, Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 169 (MCL 750.169).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 169. (1) ~~Disturbance of religious meetings~~ Any A person
2 ~~who, on the first day of the week, or at any other time, shall~~
3 ~~wilfully~~ **SHALL NOT WILLFULLY** interrupt or disturb any assembly of
4 people met ~~MEETING~~ for the worship of God, **RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**
5 **WITHIN A BUILDING USED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES AND CLEARLY**
6 **IDENTIFIED AS SUCH BY A POSTED SIGN OR OTHER MEANS, WHETHER THE**
7 **DISTURBANCE ITSELF IS** within the ~~place of such~~ **BUILDING IN WHICH**
8 **THE** meeting **IS HELD** or ~~out~~ **OUTSIDE** of it, ~~shall be guilty of a~~
9 ~~misdemeanor~~ **AND SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND PHYSICALLY OBSTRUCT ANY**
10 **INDIVIDUAL'S ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING WITH INTENT TO DENY THAT**

1 INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO THE ASSEMBLY AND SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND
2 PHYSICALLY OBSTRUCT ANY INDIVIDUAL'S EGRESS FROM THE BUILDING.

3 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) IS GUILTY OF A
4 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE AS FOLLOWS:

5 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), BY 1 OR MORE OF THE
6 FOLLOWING:

7 (i) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS.

8 (ii) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

9 (iii) NOT MORE THAN 100 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

10 (B) IF THE PERSON HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING
11 THIS SECTION, BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (i) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS.

13 (ii) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00.

14 (iii) NOT MORE THAN 200 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
16 after the date it is enacted into law.