

that person's religious beliefs; making it a separate crime to harass or commit a crime upon a person or damage a person's property because of that person's race, color, religion religious beliefs, or national origin; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to criminal interference---with---religious---real---property---and---beliefs religious and ethnic crimes.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 470A to be under the new subheading "Religious Real Property and Beliefs and Ethnic Crimes"
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

RELIGIOUS REAL-PROPERTY-AND-BELIEFS AND ETHNIC CRIMES

470A.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "RELIGIOUS REAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES---CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE,---RELIGIOUS---CEMETERY,---SCHOOL,---EDUCATIONAL-FACILITY,---OR COMMUNITY-CENTER,---OR THE GROUNDS ADJACENT TO AND OWNED OR---LEASED BY THE OWNER OF THE FOREGOING.

(3)---"SERIOUS---BODILY-INJURY"---MEANS---BODILY-INJURY---THAT INVOLVES---SUBSTANTIAL---RISK---OF---DEATH,---UNCONSCIOUSNESS,---EXTREME PHYSICAL---PAIN,---PROTRACTED---AND---OBVIOUS---DISFIGUREMENT,---OR PROTRACTED LOSS OR IMPAIRMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF A BODILY MEMBER, ORGAN,---OR MENTAL FACULTY INCLUDES:

(I) A CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP;

(II) A CEMETERY;

(III) A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, COMMUNITY CENTER, STRUCTURE, OR OTHER REAL PROPERTY USED FOR ANY RELIGIOUS PURPOSE; AND

(IV) THE GROUNDS ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT: