

SENATE BILL 1299
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39 and Title 68, relative to access to certain services, facilities, and places of worship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) Any person has committed an offense who:

(1) by force or threat of force or by physical obstruction, intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with any person because that person is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of persons from, obtaining or providing reproductive health services;

(2) by force or threat of force or by physical obstruction intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with any person exercising or seeking to exercise the First Amendment right of religious expression under the United States Constitution at a place of religious worship; or

(3) intentionally damages or destroys the property of a facility, or attempts to do so, because such facility provides reproductive health services, or intentionally damages or destroys the property of a place of religious worship.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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