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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 20, 2013

**S. 296**

Introduced by Senators Jackson, McElveen, Coleman, Ford, Campbell, Young, Allen, Pinckney, Cleary, Williams, Cromer, Nicholson, Johnson, Fair, McGill, Bright, Verdin, Gregory, Setzler, Shealy, Matthews, Turner, Thurmond, Peeler, Lourie, Leatherman and Scott

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Read the first time January 24, 2013.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 296) to amend Section 16-11-535 of the 1976 Code, relating to malicious injury to a place of worship, to provide that whoever wilfully, unlawfully, and maliciously, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

C. BRADLEY HUTTO for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Corrections

The department indicates that this bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at its current level of funding.

The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

Judicial Department

The departments indicate that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, or on federal and/or other funds.

*Approved By:*

Brenda Hart

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO A PLACE OF WORSHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT WHOEVER WILFULLY, UNLAWFULLY, AND MALICIOUSLY VANDALIZES, DEFACES, DAMAGES, OR DESTROYS OR ATTEMPTS TO VANDALIZE, DEFACE, DAMAGE, OR DESTROY ANY FIXTURES OR IMPROVEMENTS OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP, OR AIDS, AGREES WITH, EMPLOYS, OR CONSPIRES WITH ANY PERSON TO DO OR CAUSE TO BE DONE ANY OF THESE ACTS IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE IMPRISONED NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS NOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS OR FINED NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 16-11-535 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 16-11-535. Whoever shall wilfully, unlawfully, and maliciously vandalize, deface, damage, or destroy or attempt to vandalize, deface, damage, or destroy any place, structure, or building of worship, including any fixtures or improvements, or aid, agree with, employ, or conspire with any person to do or cause to be done any of the acts mentioned above is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than ten years or fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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