

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 743

3 By: Gollihare, Alvord,  
4 Thompson, Green, Paxton,  
5 Stanley, and Hall of the  
Senate

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7 and

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9 Lawson of the House

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11 An Act relating to criminal disturbance; amending 21  
12 O.S. 2021, Sections 915 and 916, which relate to  
13 disturbance of religious meeting; specifying range of  
14 punishment for certain misdemeanor offense;  
15 establishing felony offense for certain convictions;  
16 specifying range of punishment for certain felony  
17 offense; modifying definitions; modifying elements of  
18 certain offense; updating statutory language; and  
19 declaring an emergency.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 915, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 915. Every person who willfully disturbs, interrupts,  
or disquiets any assemblage of people met for religious worship, by  
any of the acts ~~or things hereinafter~~ enumerated, is in Section 916  
of this title shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),  
by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1)  
year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A person who commits a  
second or subsequent offense shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
felony punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars

1      (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
2      Corrections for a term not to exceed two (2) years, or by both such  
3      fine and imprisonment.

4      SECTION 2.      AMENDATORY      21 O.S. 2021, Section 916, is  
5      amended to read as follows:

6      Section 916. The following are the acts deemed to constitute  
7      disturbance of a religious meeting as prohibited by Section 915 of  
8      this title:

9      1. Uttering any profane discourse, committing any rude or  
10     indecent act, or making any unnecessary noise, either within the  
11     place where such meeting is held, or so near it as to disturb the  
12     order and solemnity of the meeting-;

13     2. Exhibiting or engaging in, within one (1) mile, any ~~shows or~~  
14     ~~plays protest, demonstration, show, or play~~ without a license by the  
15     proper authority-;

16     3. Engaging in, or aiding or promoting within the like  
17     distance, any racing of animals or gaming of any description-; or

18     4. Obstructing in any manner, without authority of law, within  
19     ~~the like distance~~ one (1) mile, the free passage along any highway  
20     to the place of ~~such~~ the meeting.

21     SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22     of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
23     declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
24     be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives