

**CHAPTER 147****PUBLIC WORSHIP (DISTURBANCE)****ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS****SECTION**

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## PUBLIC WORSHIP (DISTURBANCE)

*An Act to provide against the disturbance of public worship and the obstruction of clergymen.* 1889-3.

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ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Worship (Disturbance) Act. Short title.

2. Any person who—

- (a) wilfully disturbs any meeting, assembly or congregation of persons lawfully assembled for religious worship in any church or chapel of the Church of England or in any chapel or place of worship of any religious denomination; or Disturbing religious assemblies and riotous behaviour in churches, chapels, etc.
- (b) is guilty of riotous, violent or indecent behaviour in any such church, chapel or place of worship, whether during the celebration of divine service or at any other time, or in any churchyard or burial ground;
- (c) molests, lets, disturbs, vexes, or troubles or by any other unlawful means disquiets or misuses any preacher duly authorised to preach therein or any clergyman in holy orders ministering or celebrating any sacrament or any divine service, rite or office, in any such church, chapel or place of worship or in any churchyard or burial ground,

shall be liable, on conviction before a magistrate, on the information of any person, to a penalty of twenty-four dollars or imprisonment for two months.

3. Every such offender may be immediately removed from the premises and, if he persist in returning on such premises, may be apprehended by any person and taken to the police station and there be detained until he can be placed before the magistrate of the district and dealt with according to law. Offenders may be removed and, if persisting, arrested.

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