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HOUSE BILL NO. 1373

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES COX (Sponsor), WALKER, MUNTZEL, KELLEY (127),
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to funeral protests,
with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 574.150, to read as follows:

574.150. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful funeral protest if he or she
2 **pickets or engages in other protest activities within three hundred feet of any residence,**
3 **cemetery, funeral home, church, synagogue, or other establishment during or within one**
4 **hour before or one hour after the conducting of any actual funeral or burial service at that**
5 **place.**

6 **2. For purposes of this section, "other protest activities" means any action that is**
7 **disruptive or undertaken to disrupt or disturb a funeral or burial service.**

8 **3. For purposes of this section, "funeral" and "burial service" mean the ceremonies**
9 **and memorial services held in conjunction with the burial or cremation of the dead, but**
10 **this section does not apply to processions while they are in transit beyond any three**
11 **hundred foot zone that is established under subsection (1) of this section.**

12 **4. The offense of unlawful funeral protest is a class B misdemeanor, unless**
13 **committed by a person who has previously been found guilty of a violation of this section,**
14 **in which case it is a class A misdemeanor.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended
to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.