

HB 1372 -- PROTESTS AT FUNERAL SERVICES

This bill specifies that a person commits the offense of unlawful funeral protest, a class B misdemeanor, if he or she pickets or engages in other protest activities within 300 feet of a residence, cemetery, funeral home, church, synagogue, or other establishment during or within one hour before or one hour after the conducting of any funeral or burial service at that place. These provisions do not apply to a funeral procession while it is in transit beyond the 300-foot zone. The offense is a class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed by a person who has previously been found guilty of a violation of these provisions.

The bill repeals Sections 578.501 through 578.503, RSMo, known as Spc. Edward Lee Myers' Law, regarding unlawful picketing or other protest activities at a location at which a funeral is held.