



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 113

Introduced by: **Senator Mehlhaff**

1 **An Act to increase the penalty for preventing practice of religion.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 22-19B-4 be AMENDED:**

4 **22-19B-4.** Any person who, by ~~threats~~ threat or violence, intentionally prevents
5 another person from performing any lawful act enjoined upon or recommended by the
6 religion ~~which such~~ the other person professes, is guilty of a ~~Class 1 misdemeanor~~ Class
7 6 felony.