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# H. R. 9443

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2026

Mr. OGLETS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. STUTZMAN, and Mr. CLOUD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Saving FACE Act of  
5 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR OBSTRUCT-**  
7 **ING ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 248 of title 18, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**clinic**”  
2           and inserting “**church**”;

3           (2) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “abortions  
4           or other”; and

5           (3) in subsection (e)—

6                 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
7                 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (7), re-  
8                 spectively;

9                 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as  
10                 so redesignated, the following:

11                 “(1) ABORTION.—The term ‘abortion’ means  
12                 the use or prescription of any instrument, drug, sub-  
13                 stance, or device—

14                         “(A) to intentionally kill the unborn child  
15                         of a woman known to be pregnant; or

16                         “(B) to intentionally terminate the preg-  
17                         nancy of a woman known to be pregnant, with  
18                         an intention other than—

19                                 “(i) after viability, to produce a live  
20                                 birth and preserve the life and health of  
21                                 the child born alive; or

22                                 “(ii) to remove a dead unborn child.”;

23                         and

24                 (C) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated,  
25                 by striking “relating to the human reproductive

1           system” and all that follows through the period  
2           at the end and inserting “relating to the human  
3           reproductive system or pregnancy, excluding  
4           abortions.”.

5           (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for  
6 chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
7 by striking the item related to section 248 and inserting  
8 the following:

“248. Freedom of access to church entrances.”.

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