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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 578, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to protest activities near funeral services, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 578, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 578.501, to read as follows:

**578.501. 1. This section shall be known as "Spc. Edward Lee
2 Myers' Law".**

**3 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in picketing or
4 other protest activities in front of or about any church, cemetery, or
5 funeral establishment, as defined by section 333.011, RSMo, within one
6 hour prior to the commencement of any funeral, and until one hour
7 following the cessation of any funeral. Each day on which a violation
8 occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Violation of this section is
9 a class B misdemeanor, unless committed by a person who has
10 previously pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this
11 section, in which case the violation is a class A misdemeanor.**

**12 3. For the purposes of this section, "funeral" means the
13 ceremonies, processions and memorial services held in connection with
14 the burial or cremation of the dead.**

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