

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4084

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2000

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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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 “Church Protection Act  
5       of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF AMOUNTS TO ACQUIRE**  
2 **CHURCH PROPERTY.**

3 Section 105 of the Housing and Community Develop-  
4 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(i) **PROHIBITION ON USE OF ASSISTANCE TO AC-**  
7 **QUIRE CHURCH PROPERTY.**—Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this section, no amount from a grant under  
9 section 106 may be used to carry out or assist any activity  
10 if such activity, or the project for which such activity is  
11 to be conducted, involves acquisition of real property  
12 owned by a church that is exempt from tax under section  
13 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.  
14 501(a)), unless the governing body of the church has pre-  
15 viously consented to such acquisition.”.

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