

## **Protection of Holy Places Law 5727 (1967)\***

1. The Holy Places shall be protected from desecration and any other violation and from anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to those places.
2.
  - a) Whosoever desecrates or otherwise violates a Holy Place shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of seven years.
  - b) Whosoever does anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to those places shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of five years.
3. This Law shall add to, and not derogate from, any other law.
4. The Minister of Religious Affairs is charged with the implementation of this Law, and he may, after consultation with, or upon the proposal of, representatives of the religions concerned and with the consent of the Minister of Justice make regulations as to any matter relating to such implementation.
5. This Law shall come into force on the date of its adoption by the Knesset.

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Prime Minister

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Minister of Religious Affairs

*SHNEUR ZALMAN SHAZAR*  
President

\* Adopted by the Knesset on 27 June 1967.

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<http://www.knesset.gov.il/laws/special/eng/HolyPlaces.htm>