

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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| ADOPTED AS AMENDED | <u> </u> | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | <u> </u> | (Y/N) |
| FAILED TO ADOPT | <u> </u> | (Y/N) |
| WITHDRAWN | <u> </u> | (Y/N) |
| OTHER | <u> </u> | |

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee
2 Representative Gottlieb offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
6 Section 1. Section 843.31, Florida Statutes, is created to
7 read:

8 843.31 Approaching a first responder after a warning with
9 the intent to impede, provoke, or harass or physically prevent
10 the first responder from performing lawful duties.-

11 (1) As used in this section, the term:

12 (a) "First responder" includes a law enforcement officer
13 as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in s.
14 784.07, and an emergency medical care provider as defined in s.
15 784.07.

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16 (b) "Harass" means to willfully engage in a course of
17 conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally causes
18 substantial emotional distress in that first responder and
19 serves no legitimate purpose. The peaceful audio or video
20 recording or eyewitness observing of a first responder is a
21 legitimate purpose that does not constitute harassment.

22 (2)(a) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a
23 verbal warning not to approach from a person he or she knows or
24 reasonably should know is a first responder, who is engaged in
25 the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and
26 willfully violate such warning and continue to approach or
27 remain within 20 feet of the first responder with the intent to:

28 1. Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with
29 the first responder's ability to perform such duty;

30 2. Threaten the first responder or physically prevent the
31 first responder from performing his or her lawful duties; or

32 3. Harass the first responder.

33 (b) A person who violates this subsection commits a
34 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
35 775.082 or s. 775.083.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.