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An act relating to threatening violence using a firearm; amending s. 790.162, F.S.; prohibiting a person from threatening to use a firearm in a violent manner against another person; providing a criminal penalty; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 790.162, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.162 Threatening Threat to throw, project, place, or discharge any destructive device or threatening to use firearm in violent manner, felony; penalty.—It is unlawful for a any person to threaten to throw, project, place, or discharge a any destructive device or to threaten to use a firearm in a violent manner against another person with intent to do bodily harm to any person or with intent to do damage to any property of any person. A, and any person who violates this section convicted thereof commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.