

By Senator Gutman

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to assault and battery upon  
code inspectors; creating s. 784.083, F.S.;  
providing enhanced penalties for assault or  
aggravated assault or battery or aggravated  
battery upon "a code inspector," as defined;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 784.083, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

784.083 Assault or battery on code  
inspectors.--Whenever a person is charged with committing an  
assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated  
battery upon a code inspector, as defined in s. 162.04(2),  
when the person committing the offense knows or has reason to  
know the identity or employment of the victim, the offense for  
which the person is charged shall be reclassified as follows:

(1) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony  
of the second degree to a felony of the first degree.

(2) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony  
of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

(3) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the  
first degree to a felony of the third degree.

(4) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the  
second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998,  
and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides enhanced penalties for assault or aggravated assault or battery or aggravated battery upon a county or municipal "code inspector," as defined.