

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

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

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

13 784.083 Assault or battery on code
14 inspectors.--Whenever a person is charged with committing an
15 assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated
16 battery upon a code inspector, as defined in s. 162.04(2),
17 while the code inspector is engaged in the lawful performance
18 of his or her duties and when the person committing the
19 offense knows or has reason to know the identity or employment
20 of the victim, the offense for which the person is charged
21 shall be reclassified as follows:

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

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

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

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

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