



28 | adequately address the problems associated with unauthorized
29 | distribution of handbills at public lodging establishments, and
30 | WHEREAS, public lodging establishments in Florida play an
31 | important role in the tourism industry of the state of Florida,
32 | and the continued health of the tourism industry depends on the
33 | safety and security of visitors, NOW THEREFORE,

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

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37 | Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 509.013,
38 | Florida Statutes, to read:

39 | 509.013 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:

40 | (13) "Handbill" means any flier, leaflet, pamphlet, or
41 | other written material that seeks to advertise, promote, or
42 | inform persons about an individual, business, company, or food
43 | service establishment.

44 | Section 2. Section 509.144, Florida Statutes, is created
45 | to read:

46 | 509.144 Handbill distribution on premises of public
47 | lodging or food service establishments prohibited.--

48 | (1) It is unlawful for any individual, agent, contractor,
49 | or volunteer who is acting on behalf of any individual,
50 | business, company, or food service establishment to deliver,
51 | distribute, or place, or attempt to deliver, distribute, or
52 | place, any handbill on private property controlled by any public
53 | lodging establishment without permission and whereupon it is
54 | posted in a reasonably conspicuous manner that advertising or



55 solicitation is prohibited on private property controlled by any
56 public lodging establishment.

57 (2) It is unlawful for any person to direct any
58 individual, agent, contractor, or volunteer to deliver,
59 distribute, or place, or attempt to deliver, distribute, or
60 place, a handbill on private property controlled by any public
61 lodging establishment without permission and whereupon it is
62 posted in a reasonably conspicuous manner that advertising or
63 solicitation is prohibited on private property controlled by any
64 public lodging establishment.

65 (3) Any person who violates this section commits a
66 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
67 775.082 or s. 775.083.

68 (4) Any person who violates this section and who also
69 commits a battery, as defined under s. 784.03(1)(a), on any
70 person who is on the premises of the public lodging
71 establishment while in violation of this section, commits a
72 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082
73 or s. 775.083.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.