

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to self-murder; creating s. 782.081, F.S.; defining the terms "deliberately assisting," "self-murder," and "simulated self-murder"; prohibiting conducting an event or providing a location for an event that the person knows or reasonably should know includes the act of self-murder; prohibiting deliberately assisting in a self-murder; providing an exception for events in which simulated self-murder is conducted; providing that a violation of the act is a third-degree felony; authorizing the Attorney General and state attorneys to enforce the act through civil proceedings; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 782.081, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

782.081 Commercial exploitation of self-murder.--

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

(a) "Deliberately assisting" means carrying out a public act that is intended to:

1. Aid, abet, facilitate, permit, advocate, or encourage;

2. Publicize, promote, advertise, operate, stage, schedule or conduct;

3. Provide or secure a venue, transportation, or security; or

4. Result in the collection of an admission or fee.

(b) "Self-murder" means the voluntary and intentional

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30 taking of one's own life. As used in this section, the term
31 includes attempted self-murder.

32 (c) "Simulated self-murder" means the artistic depiction
33 or portrayal of self-murder which is not an actual self-murder.
34 The term includes, but is not limited to, an artistic depiction
35 or portrayal of self-murder in a script, play, movie, or story
36 presented to the public or during an event.

37 (2) A person may not for commercial or entertainment
38 purposes:

39 (a) Conduct any event that the person knows or reasonably
40 should know includes an actual self-murder as a part of the
41 event or deliberately assist in an actual self-murder.

42 (b) Provide a theater, auditorium, club, or other venue
43 or location for any event that the person knows or reasonably
44 should know includes an actual self-murder as a part of the
45 event.

46 (3) This section does not prohibit any event during which
47 simulated self-murder will occur.

48 (4) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this
49 section that an attempted self-murder did not result in a self-
50 murder.

51 (5) A person who violates this section commits a felony
52 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
53 775.083, or s. 774.084.

54 (6) The Attorney General or any state attorney may bring
55 a civil proceeding for declaratory, injunctive, or other relief
56 to enforce the provisions of this section.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
58 law.