

By Senator Miller

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the commercial exploitation  
 3           of self-murder; creating s. 782.081, F.S.;  
 4           defining the terms "self-murder" and "simulated  
 5           self-murder"; prohibiting conducting an event,  
 6           promoting or publicizing an event, collecting  
 7           admission for an event, or providing a location  
 8           for an event during which the act of  
 9           self-murder is a part of the event; providing  
 10          an exception for events in which simulated  
 11          self-murder is conducted; providing that a  
 12          violation of the act is a third-degree felony;  
 13          authorizing the Attorney General and state  
 14          attorneys to enforce the act through civil  
 15          proceedings; providing an effective date.

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

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

21           782.081 Commercial exploitation of self-murder.--

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

23           (a) "Self-murder" means the voluntary and intentional  
 24 taking of one's own life. As used in this section, the term  
 25 includes attempted self-murder.

26           (b) "Simulated self-murder" means the artistic  
 27 depiction or portrayal of self-murder which is not an actual  
 28 self-murder. The term includes, but is not limited to, an  
 29 artistic depiction or portrayal of self-murder in a script,  
 30 play, movie, or story presented to the public or during an

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1 event for which the public has been informed that the  
2 depiction or portrayal will not be an actual self-murder.

3 (2) A person may not for commercial or entertainment  
4 purposes:

5 (a) Conduct any event that the person knows or  
6 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a  
7 part of the event.

8 (b) Promote or publicize any event that the person  
9 knows or reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder  
10 as a part of the event.

11 (c) Collect an admission fee or accept anything of  
12 value for admission to any event that the person knows or  
13 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a  
14 part of the event.

15 (d) Provide a theater, auditorium, club, or other  
16 venue or location for any event that the person knows or  
17 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a  
18 part of the event.

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

21 (4) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this  
22 section that an attempted self-murder did not result in a  
23 self-murder.

24 (5) A person who violates this section commits a  
25 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
26 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 774.084.

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

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Defines "self-murder" and "simulated self-murder."  
Prohibits for commercial or entertainment purposes,  
conducting, promoting or publicizing, collecting  
admission for, or providing a location for an event  
during which the act of self-murder is a part of the  
event. Provides an exception for events in which  
simulated self-murder is conducted. Provides that a  
violation of the act is a third-degree felony. Authorizes  
the Attorney General and state attorneys to enforce the  
act through civil proceedings.