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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to robbery on religious real property; creating s. 812.134, F.S.; defining the terms "robbery while on religious property" and "religious real property"; providing that a person who attempts to commit robbery or who commits robbery while on religious real property commits a felony of the first degree; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 812.134, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

812.134 Robbery while on religious real property.--

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

(a) "Robbery while on religious property" means any attempted robbery or robbery that occurs when a person enters religious real property with the intent to commit a robbery and attempts to commit a robbery or does commit a robbery of the occupants therein.

(b) "Religious real property" means any church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship at which a church or religious organization regularly conducts religious services.

(2) A person who commits robbery while on religious real property commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides definitions for the terms "robbery while on religious property" and "religious real property."
Provides that it is a first-degree felony to attempt or to commit robbery while on religious real property.
Provides criminal penalties.