

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to radio equipment using law enforcement
 3 frequencies; amending s. 843.16, F.S.; providing an
 4 exception to prohibition on use of such equipment for
 5 specified personnel using personal transportation to and
 6 from work; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 843.16, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 843.16 Unlawful to install or transport radio equipment
 13 using assigned frequency of state or law enforcement officers;
 14 definitions; exceptions; penalties.--

15 (3) This section does ~~shall~~ not apply to the following:

16 (a) Any holder of a valid amateur radio operator or
 17 station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

18 (b) ~~or to~~ Any recognized newspaper or news publication
 19 engaged in covering the news on a full-time basis.

20 (c) ~~or~~ Any alarm system contractor certified pursuant to
 21 part II of chapter 489, operating a central monitoring system.

22 (d) Any sworn law enforcement officer or emergency rescue
 23 personnel while using personal transportation to and from work.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.