

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
 4 exceptions to prohibition on use of such equipment for
 5 specified personnel using personal transportation to and
 6 from work and for certain government employees; providing
 7 an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (d) Any sworn law enforcement officer as defined in s.
 24 943.10 or emergency service employee as defined in s. 496.404
 25 while using personal transportation to and from work.

26 (e) An employee of a government agency that holds a valid
 27 Federal Communications Commission station license or that has a

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28 | valid agreement or contract allowing access to another agency's
29 | radio station.

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