

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to hate crimes; amending s. 775.085, F.S.;  
 3           providing that intentional exposure of a victim to certain  
 4           objects or symbols in the course of an offense creates a  
 5           presumption that the offense evidences prejudice;  
 6           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. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of  
 11           section 775.085, Florida Statutes, to read:

12           775.085 Evidencing prejudice while committing offense;  
 13           reclassification.--

14           (1)

15           (c) Intentional display of an object or symbol to a victim  
 16           during the course of a felony or misdemeanor that the defendant  
 17           knew or reasonably should have known would generally be  
 18           understood by an ordinary person within the same class, as  
 19           delineated in this section, as the victim to evidence a  
 20           prejudice against or threat to persons of that class creates a  
 21           presumption that the felony or misdemeanor evidences prejudice  
 22           for purposes of this section.

23           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.