

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Hill

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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 the prohibition on the use of such equipment  
5 for specified personnel using personal transportation to  
6 and from work and for certain government employees;  
7 providing 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 station  
18 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  
24 s.943.10(1) or emergency service employee as defined in s.  
25 496.404(9) 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 a valid  
28 agreement or contract allowing access to another agency's radio  
29 station.

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