

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to detention by licensed security
 3 officers; creating s. 493.6307, F.S.; permitting certain
 4 licensed security officers to detain certain alleged
 5 offenders in a reasonable manner until the arrival of law
 6 enforcement officers; requiring transfer of alleged
 7 offenders to officers' custody; providing immunity from
 8 specified liability for such detentions if done in
 9 compliance with specified provisions; providing an
 10 effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 493.6307, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 493.6307 Detention of suspects.--

17 (1) A Class "D" or Class "M" licensee performing duties
 18 regulated under this chapter who has probable cause to believe
 19 that a felony or misdemeanor has been committed may take the
 20 alleged offender into custody and detain the alleged offender in
 21 a reasonable manner until the arrival of a law enforcement
 22 officer. A law enforcement officer shall be called to the scene
 23 immediately after the alleged offender has been taken into
 24 custody, and the alleged offender shall be transferred to the
 25 officer's custody upon the officer's arrival.

26 (2) A Class "D" or Class "M" licensee who takes a person
 27 into custody in compliance with subsection (1) shall not be

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28 criminally or civilly liable for false arrest or false
29 imprisonment.

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