

HB 9

2008

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to persons injured by crime; providing a
 3 short title; creating s. 843.21, F.S.; prohibiting the
 4 depriving of a victim injured by a crime of medical
 5 treatment with specified intent; providing penalties;
 6 providing an effective date.

7
 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

9
 10 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Frank Pacheco Aid
 11 to Victims Act."

12 Section 2. Section 843.21, Florida Statutes, is created to
 13 read:

14 843.21 Depriving crime victim of medical care.--A person
 15 who takes custody of or exercises control over a person he or
 16 she knows to be injured as a result of criminal activity and
 17 deprives that person of medical care with the intent to avoid,
 18 delay, hinder, or obstruct any investigation of the criminal
 19 activity contributing to the injury commits:

20 (1) Where the victim's medical condition worsens as a
 21 result of the deprivation of medical care, a felony of the third
 22 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
 23 775.084.

24 (2) Where deprivation of medical care contributes or
 25 results in the death of the victim, a felony of the second
 26 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
 27 775.084.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.