

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.

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

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 10           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Pastora Pacheco  
 11 Aid 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.