

By Senator Villalobos

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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 "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 she  
16 knows to be injured as a result of criminal activity and deprives  
17 that person of medical care with the intent to avoid, delay,  
18 hinder, or obstruct any investigation of the criminal activity  
19 contributing to the injury commits:

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

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

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