

By the Committee on Judiciary; and 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 "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 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.