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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to use of law enforcement photographs, images, or video recordings; creating s. 925.13, F.S.; prohibiting the commercial use or distribution of law enforcement photographs, images, or video recordings of a deceased person or that show a person's extreme, severe, or acute injuries, which photographs, images, or video recordings are confidential and exempt from public records laws; providing that such photographs, images, and video recordings remain confidential and exempt from public records laws when used or transmitted under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; providing that these provisions shall not be construed to prohibit constitutionally protected acts; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 925.13, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

925.13 Use of certain law enforcement photographs, images, or video recordings.—

(1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), any person in possession of a law enforcement photograph, image, or video recording of a deceased person, a part of a deceased person, or any part of a person's extreme, severe, or acute injuries that is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution may not use such photograph, image,

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or video recording for any commercial purpose or distribute it to any other person in any way, including, but not limited to, posting on the Internet or sending by electronic mail.

- (b) A law enforcement agency, in furtherance of its official duties or law enforcement training, may use or transmit photographs, images, or video recordings described in paragraph (a) via the Internet or by electronic mail, but only pursuant to a written request and, unless otherwise required in the performance of those duties, the identity of the deceased or injured person shall remain confidential and exempt from public records requests.
- (2) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abridge the rights of any person that are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or s. 4, Art. I of the State Constitution.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.