

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to protest activities; creating s.
 3 871.015, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting
 4 engaging in protest activities within a specified
 5 distance of the property line of the location of a
 6 funeral, burial, or memorial service; providing
 7 criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 871.015, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 871.015 Unlawful protests.-

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Funeral, burial, or memorial service" means any
 16 service offered or provided in connection with the final
 17 disposition, memorialization, interment, entombment, or
 18 inurnment of human remains or cremated human remains.

19 (b) "Protest activities" means any action, including
 20 picketing, that is undertaken with the intent to interrupt or
 21 disturb a funeral, burial, or memorial service.

22 (2) A person may not knowingly engage in protest
 23 activities or knowingly cause protest activities to occur within
 24 500 feet of the property line of any residence, cemetery,
 25 funeral home, house of worship, or other location during or
 26 within 1 hour before or 1 hour after the conducting of a
 27 funeral, burial, or memorial service at that place.

28 (3) A person who violates this section commits a

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29 | misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
30 | 775.082 or s. 775.083.

31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.