

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Benacquisto

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to robbery by sudden snatching;
3 amending s. 812.131, F.S.; clarifying that the offense
4 of robbery by sudden snatching includes the taking of
5 money or other property from the victim's person or
6 from the area within the victim's immediate reach or
7 control; providing criminal penalties; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 812.131, Florida Statutes, is amended to
13 read:

14 812.131 Robbery by sudden snatching.—

15 (1) (a) "Robbery by sudden snatching" means the taking of
16 money or other property from the victim's person or from the
17 area within the victim's immediate reach or control, with intent
18 to permanently or temporarily deprive the victim or the owner of
19 the money or other property, when, in the course of the taking,
20 the victim was or became aware of the taking. In order to
21 satisfy this definition, it is not necessary to show that:

22 ~~1. (a)~~ The offender used any amount of force beyond that
23 effort necessary to obtain possession of the money or other
24 property; or

25 ~~2. (b)~~ There was any resistance offered by the victim to the
26 offender or that there was injury to the victim's person.

27 (b) (3) (a) An act shall be deemed:

28 1. "In the course of committing a robbery by sudden
29 snatching" if the act occurs in an attempt to commit robbery by

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30 sudden snatching or in fleeing after the attempt or commission.

31 ~~2.(b) An act shall be deemed~~ "In the course of the taking"
32 if the act occurs prior to, contemporaneous with, or subsequent
33 to the taking of the property and if such act and the act of
34 taking constitute a continuous series of acts or events.

35 (2)~~(a)~~ If, in the course of committing a robbery by sudden
36 snatching, the offender:

37 (a) Carried a firearm or other deadly weapon, the offense
38 ~~robbery by sudden snatching~~ is a felony of the second degree,
39 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

40 ~~(b) If, in the course of committing a robbery by sudden~~
41 ~~snatching, the offender~~ Carried no firearm or other deadly
42 weapon, the offense ~~robbery by sudden snatching~~ is a felony of
43 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
44 775.083, or s. 775.084.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.