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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to funerals and burials; creating s.
871.015, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting
engaging in protest activities within specified
distance of the property line of the location of a
funeral or burial; providing an exception; providing
criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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

871.015 Unlawful protests.-

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

(a) "Funeral or burial" means a service or ceremony
offered or provided in connection with the final disposition,
memorialization, internment, entombment, or inurnment of human
remain or cremated human remains.

(b) "Funeral procession" has the same meaning as provided
in s. 316.1974.

(c) "Protest activities" means any action, including
picketing, which is undertaken with the intent to interrupt or
disturb a funeral or burial.

(2) A person may not knowingly engage in protest
activities or knowingly cause protest activities to occur within
500 feet of the property line of a residence, cemetery, funeral
home, house of worship, or other location during or within 1
hour before or 1 hour after the conducting of a funeral or



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29 burial at that place. This subsection does not prohibit protest
30 activities that occur adjacent to that portion of a funeral
31 procession which extends beyond 500 feet of the property line of
32 the location of the funeral or burial.

33 (3) A person who violates this section commits a
34 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
35 775.082 or s. 775.083.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.