

By Senator Clemens

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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 to  
12   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 activities  
23           or knowingly cause protest activities to occur within 500 feet  
24           of the property line of any residence, cemetery, funeral home,  
25           house of worship, or other location during or within 1 hour  
26           before or 1 hour after the conducting of a funeral, burial, or  
27           memorial service at that place.

28           (3) A person who violates this section commits a  
29           misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.

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30 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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