

HB 821

2016

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to reimbursement of assessments;  
3 creating s. 295.24, F.S.; prohibiting an agent or  
4 attorney representing a claimant from directly or  
5 indirectly requesting, receiving, or obtaining  
6 reimbursement from the claimant for assessments  
7 charged to the agent or attorney by the United States  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs; providing penalties;  
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 295.24, Florida Statutes, is created to  
14 read:

15 295.24 Prohibited reimbursement of assessments; penalty.-  
16 Effective October 1, 2017, a person who is recognized as an  
17 agent or attorney pursuant to 38 U.S.C. s. 5904 and representing  
18 a claimant may not, directly or indirectly, request, receive, or  
19 obtain reimbursement from the claimant for assessments charged  
20 to the agent or attorney by the United States Department of  
21 Veterans Affairs pursuant to 38 U.S.C. s. 5904(6)(A). A person  
22 who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree,  
23 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.