1   A bill to be entitled
2   An act relating to fire safety and prevention;
3   creating s. 633.217, F.S.; prohibiting a person from
4   committing or attempting to commit certain acts to
5   influence firesafety inspectors; providing criminal
6   penalties; providing an effective date.
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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10   Section 1. Section 633.217, Florida Statutes, is created
11   to read:
12   633.217 Influencing a firesafety inspector.—
13   (1) A person may not influence a firesafety inspector by:
14   (a) Threatening, coercing, tricking, persuading,
15   interfering with, or otherwise influencing, or attempting to
16   threaten, coerce, trick, persuade, interfere with, or otherwise
17   influence, the firesafety inspector into violating any provision
18   of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any rule adopted by the
19   State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this chapter.
20   (b) Offering any compensation to the firesafety inspector
21   to induce a violation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any
22   rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this
23   chapter.
24   (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a
25   misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.

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26 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who violates subsection (1) a

27 second or subsequent time commits a felony of the third degree,

28 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

29   Section 2.   This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

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