

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Senator Powell

585-02376-18

2018820c1

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to firesafety inspectors; creating s.  
3 633.217, F.S.; prohibiting certain actions to  
4 influence a firesafety inspector to violate the  
5 Florida Fire Prevention Code, other rules of the State  
6 Fire Marshal, or ch. 633, F.S.; providing criminal  
7 penalties; providing an effective date.  
8

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

11 Section 1. Section 633.217, Florida Statutes, is created to  
12 read:

13 633.217 Influencing a firesafety inspector; criminal  
14 penalties.-

15 (1) A person may not influence a firesafety inspector by:

16 (a) Threatening, coercing, tricking, persuading,  
17 interfering with, or otherwise influencing; or attempting to  
18 threaten, coerce, trick, persuade, interfere with, or otherwise  
19 attempting to influence, the firesafety inspector into violating  
20 any provision of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any rule  
21 adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this  
22 chapter.

23 (b) Offering any compensation to the firesafety inspector  
24 to induce a violation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any  
25 rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this  
26 chapter.

27 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a  
28 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
29 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or

585-02376-18

2018820c1

30 subsequent violation of subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of  
31 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
32 775.083.

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