

By Senator Powell

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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 to  
11       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.  
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, 2019.