

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and 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 second degree, punishable as provided in s.
26 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or
27 subsequent violation of subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of
28 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
29 775.083.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.