

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to unlawful use of uniforms, medals,  
 3           or insignia; amending s. 817.312, F.S.; prohibiting  
 4           certain misrepresentations concerning military service  
 5           when made for specified purposes; 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 817.312, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 11       to read:

12           817.312 Unlawful use of uniforms, medals, or insignia.—

13           (1) (a) A person may not:

14           1. Misrepresent himself or herself as a member or veteran  
 15           of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United  
 16           States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States  
 17           Navy, or National Guard; or

18           2. Wear the uniform of or any medal or insignia authorized  
 19           for use by members or veterans of the United States Air Force,  
 20           United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States  
 21           Marine Corps, United States Navy, or the National Guard which he  
 22           or she is not authorized to wear

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 24           while soliciting for charitable contributions, ~~or~~ or for the  
 25           purpose of material gain, or for professional or political

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26 | benefit.

27 |       **(b)** This subsection ~~section~~ does not prohibit persons in  
28 | the theatrical profession from wearing such uniforms, medals, or  
29 | insignia while actually engaged in such profession.

30 |       (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a felony  
31 | of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
32 | 775.083, or s. 775.084.

33 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.