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27 (1) As used in this section, the term:

28 (a) "Business relationship" has the same meaning as in s.
 29 825.101.

30 (b) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business
 31 trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company,
 32 association, joint venture, club, union, organization, any other
 33 legal or commercial entity, or any other combination of
 34 individuals having collective capacity.

35 (2) It is unlawful for any person, by inducement,
 36 persuasion, misrepresentation, intimidation, or other unjust
 37 means, to intentionally and unjustly:

38 (a) Cause the breach or violation of, or the refusal or
 39 failure to perform, a lawful contract by any party thereto; or

40 (b) Interfere with or disrupt a business relationship.

41 (3) Any person injured as a result of a violation of this
 42 section may bring a civil cause of action for treble damages,
 43 injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief in law or
 44 equity. The court may issue a temporary or permanent injunction
 45 to prevent a violation of this section. The issuance of an
 46 injunction does not affect the availability of damages under
 47 this section. The court shall award a prevailing plaintiff
 48 reasonable attorney fees and costs.

49 (4) A civil cause of action may not be brought under this
 50 section for the enforcement of a contract under s. 542.335.

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51 (5) The civil remedy in this section does not preempt any
52 other remedy or cause of action provided for under any other
53 statute or the common law. Any person may obtain a judgment
54 under either the common-law remedy of tortious interference or
55 the civil remedy in this section but may not obtain a judgment
56 under both remedies.

57 (6) This section does not create a common-law cause of
58 action.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.