

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to battery by strangulation; creating
 3 s. 784.031, F.S.; prohibiting battery by
 4 strangulation; providing criminal penalties; providing
 5 an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Section 784.031, Florida Statutes, is created
 10 to read:

11 784.031 Battery by strangulation.—

12 (1) A person commits battery by strangulation if he or she
 13 knowingly and intentionally, impedes the normal breathing or
 14 circulation of the blood of another person, against the will of
 15 that person, by applying pressure on the throat or neck of the
 16 other person or by blocking the nose or mouth of the other
 17 person. This subsection does not apply to any act of medical
 18 diagnosis, treatment, or prescription which is authorized under
 19 the laws of this state.

20 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a felony
 21 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
 22 775.083, or s. 775.084.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.