

By Senator Martin

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to live performances; providing a  
3           short title; creating s. 760.61, F.S.; prohibiting  
4           public venue owners or operators from canceling  
5           certain live performances on specified bases; defining  
6           the term "public venue"; providing an exception;  
7           providing that venue owners or operators who violate  
8           the prohibition bear the costs enumerated in the  
9           related contract with the artist, performer, or  
10          musical group whose performance was canceled;  
11          providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Right to Rock  
16 Act."

17           Section 2. Section 760.61, Florida Statutes, is created to  
18 read:

19           760.61 Discriminatory practices against artists or  
20 performers prohibited.-

21           (1) (a) The owner or operator of a public venue may not  
22 cancel a live performance of an artist, a performer, or a  
23 musical group because of the artist's, performer's, or musical  
24 group's lawful exercise of freedom of speech or the artist's,  
25 performer's, or musical group members' personal beliefs. For the  
26 purposes of this section, the term "public venue" means a place,  
27 building, or structure, regardless of whether owned by or rented  
28 to a governmental entity, school, college, or university, which  
29 is funded by or constructed with public or government funds.

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30       (b) This subsection does not apply to an owner or operator  
31 who cancels a live performance based on a reasonable belief that  
32 the performance would violate any applicable state law or rule.

33       (2) A venue owner or operator who cancels a live  
34 performance of an artist, a performer, or a musical group in  
35 violation of subsection (1) shall bear all costs, fees, and  
36 penalties enumerated in the related contract with the artist,  
37 performer, or musical group.

38       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.