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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Rizo offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 843.31, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

843.31 Approaching a first responder with specified intent after a warning.-

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

(a) "First responder" includes a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3), a firefighter as defined in s.

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13 784.07(1), and an emergency medical care provider as defined in
14 s. 784.07(1).

15 (b) "Harass" means to willfully engage in a course of
16 conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally causes
17 substantial emotional distress in that first responder and
18 serves no legitimate purpose.

19 (2)(a) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a
20 verbal warning not to approach from a person he or she knows or
21 reasonably should know is a first responder, who is engaged in
22 the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and
23 willfully violate such warning and approach or remain within 25
24 feet of the first responder with the intent to:

25 1. Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability
26 to perform such duty;

27 2. Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or

28 3. Harass the first responder.

29 (b) A person who violates this subsection commits a
30 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
31 775.082 or s. 775.083.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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38 Remove lines 3-4 and insert:
39 first responders; creating s. 843.31, F.S.; providing
40 definitions; prohibiting

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