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| 2 | An act relating to trespass; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; |
| 3 | providing enhanced criminal penalties for trespassing |
| 4 | on property maintained or secured by federal, state, |
| 5 | or local law enforcement officers if specified notice |
| 6 | is posted; amending s. 871.05, F.S.; prohibiting a |
| 7 | person from willfully entering or remaining in a venue |
| 8 | during certain ticketed covered events without being |
| 9 | authorized, licensed, or invited to enter or remain in |
| 10 | such venue; providing criminal penalties; providing an |
| 11 | 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. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (2) of |
| 16 | section 810.09, Florida Statutes, to read: |
| 17 | 810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or |
| 18 | conveyance |
| 19 | (2) Except as provided in this subsection, trespass on |
| 20 | property other than a structure or conveyance is a misdemeanor |
| 21 | of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. |
| 22 | 775.083. |
| 23 | (k) The offender commits a felony of the third degree, |
| 24 | punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, |
| 25 | if the property trespassed upon is an area being maintained or |
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| 26 | secured by federal, state, or local law enforcement officers |
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| 27 | which is legally posted and identified in substantially the |
| 28 | following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED RESTRICTED SITE |
| 29 | SECURED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS |
| 30 | PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY." |
| 31 | Section 2. Section 871.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to |
| 32 | read: |
| 33 | 871.05 Interference with a sporting or entertainment |
| 34 | event |
| 35 | (1) As used in this section, the term: |
| 36 | (a) "Covered event" means an athletic competition or |
| 37 | practice, including one conducted in a public venue, or a live |
| 38 | artistic, theatrical, or other entertainment performance event. |
| 39 | The duration of such event includes the period from the time |
| 40 | when a venue is held open to the public for such an event until |
| 41 | the end of the athletic competition or performance event. |
| 42 | (b) "Covered participant" means an umpire, officiating |
| 43 | crew member, player, coach, manager, groundskeeper, or any |
| 44 | artistic, theatrical, or other performer or sanctioned |
| 45 | participant in a covered event. The term includes event |
| 46 | operations and security employees working at a covered event. |
| 47 | (c) "Restricted area" means any area designated for use by |
| 48 | players, coaches, officials, performers, or other personnel |
| 49 | administering a covered event that is on, or adjacent to, the |
| 50 | area of play or performance. |
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| 51 | (2) A person may not: |
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| 52 | (a) Intentionally touch or strike a covered participant |
| 53 | during a covered event against the will of the covered |
| 54 | participant, or intentionally cause bodily harm to a covered |
| 55 | participant during a covered event; or |
| 56 | (b) Willfully enter or remain in a restricted area during |
| 57 | a covered event without being authorized, licensed, or invited |
| 58 | to enter or remain in such a restricted area; or |
| 59 | (c) Willfully enter or remain in a venue during a ticketed |
| 60 | covered event wherein attendance exceeds 5,000 persons, without |
| 61 | being authorized, licensed, or invited to enter or remain in |
| 62 | such venue. |
| 63 | (3) A person who: |
| 64 | (a) Violates paragraph (2)(a) or paragraph (2)(b) |
| 65 | subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, |
| 66 | punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more |
| 67 | than \$2,500. |
| 68 | (b) Violates paragraph (2)(c) commits a felony of the |
| 69 | third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, |
| 70 | <u>or s. 775.084.</u> |
| 71 | (c) Solicits another person to violate subsection (2) by |
| 72 | offering money or any other thing of value to another to engage |
| 73 | in specific conduct that constitutes such a violation commits a |
| 74 | felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. |
| 75 | 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. |
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(4) A person convicted of a violation of this section may not realize any profit or benefit, directly or indirectly, from committing such a violation. Any profit or benefit payable to or accruing to a person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to seizure and forfeiture as provided in the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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