

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unlawful use of uniforms, medals,
3 or insignia; amending s. 817.312, F.S.; prohibiting
4 persons from wearing the uniform of or any medal or
5 insignia authorized for use by members or veterans of
6 the Space Force; making technical changes; providing
7 criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 817.312, Florida Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 817.312 Unlawful use of uniforms, medals, or insignia.—

14 (1) (a) A person may not:

15 1. Misrepresent himself or herself as a member or veteran
16 of the armed forces as defined in s. 250.01 ~~United States Air~~
17 ~~Force, United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United~~
18 ~~States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Space~~
19 ~~Force,~~ or the National Guard; or

20 2. Wear the uniform of or any medal or insignia authorized
21 for use by members or veterans of the armed forces as defined in
22 s. 250.01 ~~United States Air Force, United States Army, United~~
23 ~~States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States~~
24 ~~Navy,~~ or the National Guard which he or she is not authorized to
25 wear,

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27 while soliciting for charitable contributions or for the purpose
28 of material gain, including, but not limited to, obtaining
29 employment or public office resulting in receiving compensation.

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30 (b) This subsection does not prohibit persons in the
31 theatrical profession from wearing such uniforms, medals, or
32 insignia while actually engaged in such profession.

33 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a felony
34 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
35 775.083, or s. 775.084.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.