

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to tampering with an electronic
 3 monitoring device; amending s. 843.23, F.S.;
 4 reclassifying the offense of tampering with an
 5 electronic monitoring device to provide graduated
 6 penalties; requiring termination of pretrial release
 7 of a person who tampers with such a device while on
 8 pretrial release; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 **Section 1. Section 843.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 13 **read:**

14 843.23 Tampering with an electronic monitoring device.—

15 (1) As used in this section, the term "electronic
 16 monitoring device" includes any device that is used to track the
 17 location of a person.

18 (2) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally and
 19 without authority:

20 (a) Remove, destroy, alter, tamper with, damage, or
 21 circumvent the operation of an electronic monitoring device that
 22 must be worn or used by that person or another person pursuant
 23 to a court order or pursuant to an order by the Florida
 24 Commission on Offender Review; or

25 (b) Request, authorize, or solicit a person to remove,

26 | destroy, alter, tamper with, damage, or circumvent the operation
27 | of an electronic monitoring device required to be worn or used
28 | pursuant to a court order or pursuant to an order by the Florida
29 | Commission on Offender Review.

30 | (3) A person who violates this section commits a:

31 | (a) Felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
32 | s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person is charged
33 | with or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or a third degree
34 | felony.

35 | (b) Felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in
36 | s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person is charged
37 | with or serving a sentence for a second degree felony.

38 | (c) Felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in
39 | s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person is charged
40 | with or serving a sentence for a first degree felony.

41 | (d) Felony of the first degree, punishable by a term of
42 | years not exceeding life or as provided in s. 775.082, s.
43 | 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person is charged with or serving
44 | a sentence for a first degree felony punishable by a term of
45 | years not exceeding life.

46 | (e) Life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
47 | 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person is charged with or serving
48 | a sentence for a life or capital felony.

49 | (4) A person on pretrial release who commits a violation
50 | of this section shall have his or her pretrial release

51 | terminated and shall no longer be eligible for pretrial release
52 | for the offenses for which he or she was on release.

53 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.