

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to offenses committed against
 3 contractors performing state functions; amending s.
 4 784.07, F.S.; defining the term "contractor performing
 5 state functions"; providing for reclassification of
 6 certain offenses committed against a contractor
 7 performing state functions; providing an effective
 8 date.

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

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 12 **Section 1. Paragraphs (a) through (g) of subsection (1) of**
 13 **section 784.07, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs**
 14 **(b) through (h), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is added to**
 15 **that subsection, and subsection (2) of that section is amended,**
 16 **to read:**

17 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers and
 18 other specified personnel; reclassification of offenses; minimum
 19 sentences.—

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

21 (a) "Contractor performing state functions" means a person
 22 employed by a business entity that has a contract with the state
 23 or a state agency to perform a function on behalf of the state
 24 government or a state agency. The term includes, but is not
 25 limited to, functions related to construction, debris removal,

26 | landscaping, and infrastructure maintenance.

27 | (2) Whenever any person is charged with knowingly
28 | committing an assault or battery upon a law enforcement officer,
29 | a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, hospital
30 | personnel, a railroad special officer, a traffic accident
31 | investigation officer as described in s. 316.640, a nonsworn law
32 | enforcement agency employee who is certified as an agency
33 | inspector, a blood alcohol analyst, or a breath test operator
34 | while such employee is in uniform and engaged in processing,
35 | testing, evaluating, analyzing, or transporting a person who is
36 | detained or under arrest for DUI, a law enforcement explorer, a
37 | traffic infraction enforcement officer as described in s.
38 | 316.640, a parking enforcement specialist as defined in s.
39 | 316.640, a person licensed as a security officer as defined in
40 | s. 493.6101 and wearing a uniform that bears at least one patch
41 | or emblem that is visible at all times that clearly identifies
42 | the employing agency and that clearly identifies the person as a
43 | licensed security officer, ~~or~~ a security officer employed by the
44 | board of trustees of a community college, or a contractor
45 | performing state functions, while the officer, firefighter,
46 | emergency medical care provider, hospital personnel, railroad
47 | special officer, traffic accident investigation officer, traffic
48 | infraction enforcement officer, inspector, analyst, operator,
49 | law enforcement explorer, parking enforcement specialist, public
50 | transit employee or agent, ~~or~~ security officer, or contractor

51 performing state functions is engaged in the lawful performance
52 of his or her duties, the offense for which the person is
53 charged shall be reclassified as follows:

54 (a) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the
55 second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

56 (b) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the
57 first degree to a felony of the third degree. Notwithstanding
58 any other provision of law, a person convicted of battery upon a
59 law enforcement officer committed in furtherance of a riot or an
60 aggravated riot prohibited under s. 870.01 shall be sentenced to
61 a minimum term of imprisonment of 6 months.

62 (c) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of
63 the third degree to a felony of the second degree.
64 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted
65 of aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer shall be
66 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years.

67 (d) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of
68 the second degree to a felony of the first degree.
69 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted
70 of aggravated battery of a law enforcement officer shall be
71 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

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