

CHAPTER 98-24

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1727

An act relating to assault and battery upon code inspectors; creating s. 784.083, F.S.; providing enhanced penalties for assault or aggravated assault or battery or aggravated battery upon a “code inspector,” as defined; amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart; providing for ranking of the offenses of aggravated assault upon a code inspector, battery upon a code inspector, and aggravated battery upon a code inspector; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 784.083, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

784.083 Assault or battery on code inspectors.—Whenever a person is charged with committing an assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated battery upon a code inspector, as defined in s. 162.04(2), while the code inspector is engaged in the lawful performance of his or her duties and when the person committing the offense knows or has reason to know the identity or employment of the victim, the offense for which the person is charged shall be reclassified as follows:

(1) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the first degree.

(2) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

(3) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree.

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

Section 2. Paragraphs (d), (f), and (g) of subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking chart.—

(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
		(d) LEVEL 4
316.1935(2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer resulting in high-speed pursuit.
784.07(2)(b)	3rd	Battery of law enforcement officer, firefighter, intake officer, etc.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
784.075	3rd	Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.
784.08(2)(c)	3rd	Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081(3)	3rd	Battery on specified official or employee.
784.082(3)	3rd	Battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
<u>784.083(3)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Battery on code inspector.</u>
787.03(1)	3rd	Interference with custody; wrongly takes child from appointed guardian.
787.04(2)	3rd	Take, entice, or remove child beyond state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
787.04(3)	3rd	Carrying child beyond state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing child at custody hearing or delivering to designated person.
790.115(1)	3rd	Exhibiting firearm or weapon within 1,000 feet of a school.
790.115(2)(b)	3rd	Possessing electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property.
790.115(2)(c)	3rd	Possessing firearm on school property.
810.02(4)(a)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.02(4)(b)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.06	3rd	Burglary; possession of tools.
810.08(2)(c)	3rd	Trespass on property, armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
812.014(2)(c)3.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree \$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
812.014 (2)(c)4.-10.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree, a will, firearm, motor vehicle, livestock, etc.
817.563(1)	3rd	Sell or deliver substance other than controlled substance agreed upon, excluding s. 893.03(5) drugs.
828.125(1)	2nd	Kill, maim, or cause great bodily harm or permanent breeding disability to any registered horse or cattle.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
837.02(1)	3rd	Perjury in official proceedings.
837.021(1)	3rd	Make contradictory statements in official proceedings.
843.025	3rd	Deprive law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer of means of protection or communication.
843.15(1)(a)	3rd	Failure to appear while on bail for felony (bond estreatment or bond jumping).
874.05(1)	3rd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal street gang.
893.13(2)(a)1.	2nd	Purchase of cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (b), or (d), or (2)(a) or (b) drugs).
914.14(2)	3rd	Witnesses accepting bribes.
914.22(1)	3rd	Force, threaten, etc., witness, victim, or informant.
914.23(2)	3rd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.
918.12	3rd	Tampering with jurors. (f) LEVEL 6
316.027(1)(b)	2nd	Accident involving death, failure to stop; leaving scene.
316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.
775.0875(1)	3rd	Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.
784.021(1)(a)	3rd	Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.
784.021(1)(b)	3rd	Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.
784.048(3)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; credible threat.
784.07(2)(c)	2nd	Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.
784.08(2)(b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on specified official or employee.
784.082(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
<u>784.083(2)</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Aggravated assault on code inspector.</u>
787.02(2)	3rd	False imprisonment; restraining with purpose other than those in s. 787.01.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
790.115(2)(d)	2nd	Discharging firearm or weapon on school property.
790.161(2)	2nd	Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.
790.164(1)	2nd	False report of deadly explosive or act of arson or violence to state property.
790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
794.011(8)(a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
794.05(1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
806.031(2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.
810.02(3)(c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
812.014(2)(b)	2nd	Property stolen \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
812.13(2)(c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
817.034(4)(a)1.	1st	Communications fraud, value greater than \$50,000.
817.4821(5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
825.102(1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.102(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.1025(3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.103(2)(c)	3rd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$100 or more, but less than \$20,000.
827.03(1)	3rd	Abuse of a child.
827.03(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of a child.
827.071(2)&(3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
836.05	2nd	Threats; extortion.
836.10	2nd	Written threats to kill or do bodily injury.

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843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to escape.
914.23	2nd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, with bodily injury.
944.35(3)(a)2.	3rd	Committing malicious battery upon or inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate or offender on community supervision, resulting in great bodily harm.
944.40	2nd	Escapes.
944.46	3rd	Harboring, concealing, aiding escaped prisoners.
944.47(1)(a)5.	2nd	Introduction of contraband (firearm, weapon, or explosive) into correctional facility.
951.22(1)	3rd	Intoxicating drug, firearm, or weapon introduced into county facility. (g) LEVEL 7
316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in serious bodily injury.
327.35(3)(c)2.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting in serious bodily injury.
409.920(2)	3rd	Medicaid provider fraud.
494.0018(2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of ss. 494.001-494.0077 in which the total money and property unlawfully obtained exceeded \$50,000 and there were five or more victims.
782.07(1)	2nd	Killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or culpable negligence of another (manslaughter).
782.071	3rd	Killing of human being by the operation of a motor vehicle in a reckless manner (vehicular homicide).
782.072	3rd	Killing of a human being by the operation of a vessel in a reckless manner (vessel homicide).
784.045(1)(a)1.	2nd	Aggravated battery; intentionally causing great bodily harm or disfigurement.
784.045(1)(a)2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly weapon.
784.045(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator aware victim pregnant.
784.048(4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of injunction or court order.
784.07(2)(d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law enforcement officer.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
784.08(2)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081(1)	1st	Aggravated battery on specified official or employee.
784.082(1)	1st	Aggravated battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
<u>784.083(1)</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Aggravated battery on code inspector.</u>
790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons violation subsequent to previous conviction of s. 790.07(1) or (2).
790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a machine gun under specified circumstances.
796.03	2nd	Procuring any person under 16 years for prostitution.
800.04	2nd	Handle, fondle, or assault child under 16 years in lewd, lascivious, or indecent manner.
806.01(2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by fire or explosive.
810.02(3)(a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.02(3)(b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.02(3)(d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
812.014(2)(a)	1st	Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more; property stolen while causing other property damage; 1st degree grand theft.
812.019(2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates, organizes, plans, etc., the theft of property and traffics in stolen property.
812.133(2)(b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly weapon, or other weapon.
825.102(3)(b)	2nd	Neglecting an elderly person or disabled adult causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.
825.1025(2)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious battery upon an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.103(2)(b)	2nd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000.
827.03(3)(b)	2nd	Neglect of a child causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
827.04(4)	3rd	Impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by person 21 years of age or older.
872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
893.13(1)(c)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), or (2)(b) drugs) within 1,000 feet of a school.
893.13(4)(a)	1st	Deliver to minor cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), or (2)(b) drugs).
893.135(1)(a)1.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more than 50 lbs., less than 2,000 lbs.
893.135 (1)(b)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.
893.135 (1)(c)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 4 grams, less than 14 grams.
893.135 (1)(d)1.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.
893.135(1)(e)1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, more than 200 grams, less than 5 kilograms.
893.135(1)(f)1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, more than 14 grams, less than 28 grams.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1 of the year in which enacted, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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