

Senate Bill No. 2714

An act relating to an unauthorized transmission to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station; creating s. 877.27, F.S.; prohibiting a person from making a radio transmission in this state unless the person obtains a license or an exemption from licensure from the Federal Communications Commission; prohibiting an unlicensed radio transmission that interferes with a licensed public or commercial radio station; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 877.27, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

877.27 Unauthorized transmissions to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission prohibited; penalties.—

(1) A person may not:

(a) Make, or cause to be made, a radio transmission in this state unless the person obtains a license or an exemption from licensure from the Federal Communications Commission under 47 U.S.C. s. 301, or other applicable federal law or regulation; or

(b) Do any act, whether direct or indirect, to cause an unlicensed radio transmission to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission or to enable the radio transmission or interference to occur.

(2) A person who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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