

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 92

An act relating to persons injured by crime; providing a short title; creating s. 843.21, F.S.; prohibiting the depriving of a victim injured by a crime of medical treatment with specified intent; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the “Pastora Pacheco Aid to Victims Act.”

Section 2. Section 843.21, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

843.21 Depriving crime victim of medical care.—A person who takes custody of or exercises control over a person he or she knows to be injured as a result of criminal activity and deprives that person of medical care with the intent to avoid, delay, hinder, or obstruct any investigation of the criminal activity contributing to the injury commits:

(1) If the victim’s medical condition worsens as a result of the deprivation of medical care, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(2) If deprivation of medical care contributes or results in the death of the victim, a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2008.

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