CHAPTER 2010-51

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 317

An act relating to threats; amending s. 836.10, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the sending of or procuring the sending of letters or inscribed communications containing certain threats of death or bodily injury; including electronic communications in provisions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 836.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

836.10 Written threats to kill or do bodily injury; punishment.—If Any person who writes or composes and also sends or procures the sending of any letter, or inscribed communication, or electronic communication, so written or composed, whether such letter or communication be signed or anonymous, to any person, containing a threat to kill or to do bodily injury to the person to whom such letter or communication is sent, or a threat to kill or do bodily injury to any member of the family of the person to whom such letter or communication is sent commits, the person so writing or composing and so sending or procuring the sending of such letter or communication, shall be guilty of a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2010.

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