

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to unlawful use of uniforms, medals,  
 3           or insignia; amending s. 817.312, F.S.; prohibiting  
 4           certain misrepresentations concerning military service  
 5           when made for specified purposes; providing criminal  
 6           penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Section 817.312, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 11   to read:

12           817.312 Unlawful use of uniforms, medals, or insignia.—

13           (1) (a) A person may not:

14           1. Misrepresent himself or herself as a member or veteran  
 15   of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United  
 16   States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States  
 17   Navy, or National Guard; or

18           2. Wear the uniform of or any medal or insignia authorized  
 19   for use by members or veterans of the United States Air Force,  
 20   United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States  
 21   Marine Corps, United States Navy, or the National Guard which he  
 22   or she is not authorized to wear

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 24   while soliciting for charitable contributions, ~~or~~ or for the  
 25   purpose of material gain, including, but not limited to,

26 | obtaining employment or public office resulting in receiving  
27 | compensation.

28 |       **(b)** This subsection ~~section~~ does not prohibit persons in  
29 | the theatrical profession from wearing such uniforms, medals, or  
30 | insignia while actually engaged in such profession.

31 |       (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a felony  
32 | of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
33 | 775.083, or s. 775.084.

34 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.