

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 for the purpose
 25 of material gain, including, but not limited to, obtaining

26 | employment or public office resulting in receiving compensation.

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

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

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