

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 380 — Violation of an Injunction for Protection

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senators Abruzzo and Diaz de la Portilla

The bill amends ss. 741.31(4), 784.047, and 784.0487(4), F.S., to provide enhanced criminal penalties for a person who commits a third or subsequent violation of an injunction for protection or a foreign protection order against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, or cyberstalking. Currently, a person who violates an injunction for protection or a foreign protection order commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. The bill increases the penalty to a third degree felony for a person who has two or more prior convictions for violating an injunction for protection or foreign protection order and commits a third or subsequent violation against the same victim. A third degree felony is punishable by probation or up to a maximum of five years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 114-0