

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 675 — Exposure of Sexual Organs

by Judiciary Committee and Rep. Mercado and others (CS/SB 1018 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Stewart)

The bill increases the penalty from a first degree misdemeanor to a third degree felony for a second or subsequent offense of the unlawful exposure of sexual organs. The bill also specifies that being naked in public in a vulgar or indecent manner is a violation of s. 800.03, F.S.

The bill provides that exposing of sexual organs by a mother breastfeeding her baby, or a person who is merely naked at a place provided or set apart for that purpose is not a violation of s. 800.03, F.S.

The bill adds the crime of exposure of sexual organs to the list of misdemeanor offenses for which an officer may conduct a warrantless arrest.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 118-0