

By Senator Miller

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the commercial exploitation
3 of self-murder; creating s. 782.081, F.S.;
4 defining the terms "self-murder" and "simulated
5 self-murder"; prohibiting conducting an event,
6 promoting or publicizing an event, collecting
7 admission for an event, or providing a location
8 for an event during which the act of
9 self-murder is a part of the event; providing
10 an exception for events in which simulated
11 self-murder is conducted; providing that a
12 violation of the act is a third-degree felony;
13 authorizing the Attorney General and state
14 attorneys to enforce the act through civil
15 proceedings; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 782.081, Florida Statutes, is
20 created to read:

21 782.081 Commercial exploitation of self-murder.--

22 (1) As used in this section, the term:

23 (a) "Self-murder" means the voluntary and intentional
24 taking of one's own life. As used in this section, the term
25 includes attempted self-murder.

26 (b) "Simulated self-murder" means the artistic
27 depiction or portrayal of self-murder which is not an actual
28 self-murder. The term includes, but is not limited to, an
29 artistic depiction or portrayal of self-murder in a script,
30 play, movie, or story presented to the public or during an

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1 event for which the public has been informed that the
2 depiction or portrayal will not be an actual self-murder.

3 (2) A person may not for commercial or entertainment
4 purposes:

5 (a) Conduct any event that the person knows or
6 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a
7 part of the event.

8 (b) Promote or publicize any event that the person
9 knows or reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder
10 as a part of the event.

11 (c) Collect an admission fee or accept anything of
12 value for admission to any event that the person knows or
13 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a
14 part of the event.

15 (d) Provide a theater, auditorium, club, or other
16 venue or location for any event that the person knows or
17 reasonably should know includes an actual self-murder as a
18 part of the event.

19 (3) This section does not prohibit any event during
20 which simulated self-murder will occur.

21 (4) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this
22 section that an attempted self-murder did not result in a
23 self-murder.

24 (5) A person who violates this section commits a
25 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
26 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 774.084.

27 (6) The Attorney General or any state attorney may
28 bring a civil proceeding for declaratory, injunctive, or other
29 relief to enforce the provisions of this section.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
31 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Defines "self-murder" and "simulated self-murder."
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conducting, promoting or publicizing, collecting
admission for, or providing a location for an event
during which the act of self-murder is a part of the
event. Provides an exception for events in which
simulated self-murder is conducted. Provides that a
violation of the act is a third-degree felony. Authorizes
the Attorney General and state attorneys to enforce the
act through civil proceedings.