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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to profiting from jury service;
 3 creating s. 40.245, F.S.; prohibiting a juror from
 4 requesting or accepting any monetary benefit or
 5 compensation related to his or her role as a juror
 6 until a certain time has elapsed; prohibiting a person
 7 or organization from offering or providing any
 8 monetary benefit or compensation for obtaining
 9 information related to a juror's role in a trial until
 10 a certain time has elapsed; providing penalties;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 40.245, Florida Statutes, is created to
 16 read:

17 40.245 Profiting from jury service.-

18 (1) A juror in a civil or criminal trial may not, before
 19 or during the trial or within 270 days after the jury is
 20 discharged, request, accept, agree to accept, or discuss with
 21 any person the receiving or accepting of any monetary benefit or
 22 compensation or licensing fees of the juror's likeness or
 23 photograph in consideration for supplying information related to
 24 his or her role as a juror in the trial.

25 (2) A person or organization may not, before or during a
 26 civil or criminal trial or within 270 days after the jury is
 27 discharged, offer or discuss with any juror the promise or
 28 payment of any monetary benefit or compensation or any licensing

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29 | fees of the juror's likeness or photograph in consideration for
30 | obtaining information related to the juror's role in the trial.

31 | (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
32 | the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a
33 | fine of \$10,000 for each violation, or both.

34 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.