A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to terroristic threats; creating s. 3 775.32, F.S.; providing definitions; providing that a 4 person commits the crime of terroristic threats if he 5 or she communicates, directly or indirectly, a threat 6 to do specified acts; providing criminal penalties; 7 requiring a person convicted of terroristic threats 8 to, in addition to other restitution ordered, pay 9 restitution in an amount equal to the cost of 10 evacuation; providing that a judgment or order of restitution does not preclude relief recovery in a 11 12 civil action; providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Section 775.32, Florida Statutes, is created to 17 read: 18 775.32 Terroristic threats.— As used in this section, the term: 19 (1)"Communicate" means to convey in person, in writing, 20 or by electronic means to another person or other persons a 21 22 message, including words, images, or language, through the use 23 of electronic mail, the Internet, or any other type of 24 electronic communication. "Immediate family member" of a person means: 25 (b) 26 A spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, uncle, aunt,

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first cousin, nephew, niece, half-brother, half-sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepparent, stepbrother, stepsister, stepchild, grandparent, great-grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, step grandparent, step great-grandparent, step grandchild, or step great-grandchild of the person; a person who is engaged to be married to, or who otherwise holds himself or herself out as, or is generally known as, the person whom the person intends to marry; or a person to whom the person stands in loco parentis; or

- 2. Any other person living in the person's household and related to the person by blood or marriage or any other natural person having the same legal residence as the person.
- (c) "Law enforcement officer" includes a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a correctional probation officer, a part-time law enforcement officer, a part-time correctional officer, an auxiliary law enforcement officer, and an auxiliary correctional officer, as those terms are respectively defined in s. 943.10, and a county probation officer; an employee or agent of the Department of Corrections who supervises or provides services to inmates; an officer of the Florida Commission on Offender Review; a federal law enforcement officer as defined in s. 901.1505; and law enforcement personnel of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the Department of Law Enforcement.
  - (2) A person commits the crime of terroristic threats if

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the person communicates, directly or indirectly, a threat to do any of the following:

- (a) Commit any violent act or any act dangerous to human life with the intent to terrorize, intimidate, injure, or coerce a person or group.
- (b) Cause the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation.
- (c) Cause serious public inconvenience or terror, or cause serious inconvenience with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person who violates subsection (2) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (4) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the violation:
- (a) Causes the occupants of the building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation to be diverted from their normal or customary operations; or
- (b) Involves a threat against instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01; a law enforcement officer; state attorney or assistant state attorney; firefighter; judge; elected official; or an immediate family member of instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01, a law enforcement officer, state attorney or assistant state attorney, firefighter, judge, or elected official.

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(5) A person convicted of violating subsection (2) shall, in addition to any other restitution that may be ordered, pay restitution in an amount equal to the cost of the evacuation, including, but not limited to, fire and police response; emergency medical service or emergency preparedness response; and transportation of an individual from the building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation. A judgment or order of restitution does not preclude a person from recovering from the offender such relief as may be available in a civil action authorized by law, provided that a civil award shall be reduced by the amount paid under the judgment or order of restitution.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.