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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to arrest booking photographs; 3 creating s. 119.17, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting 4 a person who publishes or disseminates an arrest 5 booking photograph through a certain medium from 6 soliciting or accepting payment of a fee or other 7 consideration to remove, correct, or modify such 8 photograph; authorizing an action to enjoin 9 publication or dissemination of an arrest booking 10 photograph for a violation of the act; specifying the time limit for the removal of an arrest booking 11 12 photograph pursuant to a court order; providing a civil penalty; providing for reasonable attorney fees 13 14 and costs; requiring the court to terminate an 15 injunction under certain circumstances; providing 16 applicability; providing an effective date. 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 119.17, Florida Statutes, is created to 20 Section 1. 21 read: 2.2 119.17 Arrest booking photographs.-23 (1)As used in this section, the term: (a) 24 "Arrest booking photograph" means a photograph of an arrestee taken for the purpose of recording the arrestee's image 25 26 as part of the arrest and booking process.

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27	(b) "Arrestee" means an individual who has been arrested
28	for a violation of law in this state.
29	(c) "Fee or other consideration" does not include a fee or
30	consideration, including attorney fees and costs, solicited or
31	accepted in connection with the actual or attempted settlement
32	or compromise of a lawsuit, threatened lawsuit, arbitration
33	claim, threatened arbitration claim, or other judicial or quasi-
34	judicial proceeding.
35	(2) A person engaged in publishing or otherwise
36	disseminating arrest booking photographs through a publicly
37	accessible print or electronic medium may not solicit or accept
38	a fee or other consideration to remove, correct, or modify an
39	arrest booking photograph of an arrestee.
40	(3) If a person engaged in publishing or otherwise
41	disseminating arrest booking photographs through a publicly
42	accessible print or electronic medium violates subsection (2),
43	the arrestee who is the subject of the arrest booking photograph
44	may bring an action to enjoin the publication or other
45	dissemination of the arrest booking photograph.
46	(a) If the court enjoins the publication or other
47	dissemination of the arrest booking photograph, the court shall
48	specify in its order that the arrest booking photograph must be
49	removed from publication or other dissemination no later than 14
50	days after the date the order is entered. The court shall impose
51	a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for each day of noncompliance
52	with the order.
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53 If the court enjoins publication or other (b) 54 dissemination of an arrestee's arrest booking photograph, the 55 arrestee is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs 56 relating to issuance of the injunction and to any appeal of the 57 order issuing the injunction in which the arrestee is the 58 prevailing party. (c) If, subsequent to the 14-day period for removal of the 59 60 photograph pursuant to paragraph (a), the person subject to the 61 injunction demonstrates to the court that he or she is in 62 compliance with this section, the court shall terminate the 63 injunction. 64 (4) This section does not apply to any state, regional, 65 county, local, or municipal governmental entity of this state, whether executive, judicial, or legislative, or any department, 66 division, bureau, commission, authority, or political 67 68 subdivision. 69 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

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