

By Senator Powell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to firesafety inspectors; creating s.
3 633.217, F.S.; prohibiting certain actions to
4 influence a firesafety inspector to violate the
5 Florida Fire Prevention Code, other rules of the State
6 Fire Marshal, or ch. 633, F.S.; providing criminal
7 penalties; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 633.217, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 633.217 Influencing a firesafety inspector; criminal
14 penalties.-

15 (1) A person may not influence a firesafety inspector by:

16 (a) Threatening, coercing, tricking, persuading,
17 interfering with, or otherwise influencing; or attempting to
18 threaten, coerce, trick, persuade, interfere with, or otherwise
19 attempting to influence, the firesafety inspector into violating
20 any provision of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any rule
21 adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this
22 chapter.

23 (b) Offering any compensation to the firesafety inspector
24 to induce a violation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any
25 rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this
26 chapter.

27 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a
28 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
29 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who violates paragraph (1) (a)

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30 after a previous conviction for violating paragraph (1) (a)
31 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
32 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.