

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to offenses against veterans;  
 3           providing a short title; amending s. 775.0844, F.S.;  
 4           providing that a person commits an aggravated white  
 5           collar crime if the crime is committed against a  
 6           specified number of veterans; 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. This act may be cited as the "Florida Veterans  
 12 Protection Act."

13           Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 775.0844, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           775.0844 White Collar Crime Victim Protection Act.—

16           (5) Any person who commits an aggravated white collar  
 17 crime as defined in this section and in so doing either:

18           (a) Victimizes 10 or more elderly persons, as defined in  
 19 s. 825.101;

20           (b) Victimizes 10 or more veterans, as defined in s. 1.01;

21           (c)~~(b)~~ Victimizes 20 or more persons, as defined in s.  
 22 1.01; or

23           (d)~~(e)~~ Victimizes the State of Florida, any state agency,  
 24 any of the state's political subdivisions, or any agency of the  
 25 state's political subdivisions,

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27 and thereby obtains or attempts to obtain \$50,000 or more,  
28 commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in  
29 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.