

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; and
Senator Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to unlawful use of uniforms, medals,
3 or insignia; amending s. 817.312, F.S.; prohibiting
4 certain misrepresentations concerning military service
5 when made for specified purposes; providing criminal
6 penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 817.312, Florida Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 817.312 Unlawful use of uniforms, medals, or insignia.—

13 (1) (a) A person may not:

14 1. Misrepresent himself or herself as a member or veteran
15 of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United
16 States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States
17 Navy, or National Guard; or

18 2. Wear the uniform of or any medal or insignia authorized
19 for use by members or veterans of the United States Air Force,
20 United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States
21 Marine Corps, United States Navy, or ~~the~~ National Guard which he
22 or she is not authorized to wear,

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24 while soliciting for charitable contributions or for the purpose
25 of material gain, including, but not limited to, obtaining
26 employment or public office resulting in receiving compensation.

27 (b) This subsection ~~section~~ does not prohibit persons in
28 the theatrical profession from wearing such uniforms, medals, or
29 insignia while actually engaged in such profession.

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30 (2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a felony
31 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
32 775.083, or s. 775.084.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.