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An act relating to false personation; creating s.

836.131, F.S.; prohibiting the performance of certain acts with specified intent while falsely personating another; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 836.131, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 836.131 Falsely personating another.-
- (1) A person may not knowingly perform an act as if he or she were another person that, if done by the other person, could reasonably be expected to subject such other person to:
  - (a) Civil or criminal liability; or
  - (b) Any other liability, charge, forfeiture, or penalty,

if such act was performed with the intent to unlawfully gain a benefit for himself, herself, or another person or to injure or defraud another person.

(2) A person who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.