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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to false personation; amending s.  
 843.08, F.S.; prohibiting a person from falsely  
 personating a firefighter; revising terminology;  
 amending s. 843.085, F.S.; prohibiting operation or  
 ownership of a motor vehicle falsely marked with the  
 intent to mislead or cause another person to believe  
 that such vehicle is authorized by a fire department  
 for use by the person operating it; providing an  
 exception; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming  
 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
 effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 read:

843.08 False personation ~~Falsely personating officer,~~  
~~ete.~~—A person who falsely assumes or pretends to be a  
firefighter, sheriff, officer of the Florida Highway Patrol,  
 officer of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,  
 officer of the Department of Transportation, officer of the  
 Department of Financial Services, officer of the Department of  
 Corrections, correctional probation officer, deputy sheriff,  
 state attorney or assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor  
 or assistant statewide prosecutor, state attorney investigator,  
 coroner, police officer, lottery special agent or lottery  
 investigator, beverage enforcement agent, or watchman, or any

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29 member of the Parole Commission and any administrative aide or  
30 supervisor employed by the commission, or any personnel or  
31 representative of the Department of Law Enforcement, or a  
32 federal law enforcement officer as defined in s. 901.1505, and  
33 takes upon himself or herself to act as such, or to require any  
34 other person to aid or assist him or her in a matter pertaining  
35 to the duty of any such officer, commits a felony of the third  
36 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
37 775.084. However, a person who falsely personates any such  
38 officer during the course of the commission of a felony commits  
39 a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
40 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the commission of the  
41 felony results in the death or personal injury of another human  
42 being, the person commits a felony of the first degree,  
43 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
44 The term "watchman" means a security officer licensed under  
45 chapter 493.

46 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 843.085,  
47 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

48 843.085 Unlawful use of police badges or other indicia of  
49 authority.—It is unlawful for any person:

50 (2) To own or operate a motor vehicle marked or identified  
51 in any manner or combination by the word or words "police,"  
52 "patrolman," "sheriff," "deputy," "trooper," "highway patrol,"  
53 "commission officer," "Wildlife Officer," "Marine Patrol  
54 Officer," "marshal," "constable," ~~or~~ "bailiff," or "fire  
55 department," or by any lettering, marking, or insignia, or  
56 colorable imitation thereof, including, but not limited to,

57 | stars, badges, or shields, officially used to identify the  
 58 | vehicle as a federal, state, county, or municipal law  
 59 | enforcement vehicle or a vehicle used by a criminal justice  
 60 | agency as ~~now or hereafter~~ defined in s. 943.045, or a vehicle  
 61 | used by a fire department with the intent to mislead or cause  
 62 | another person to believe that such vehicle is an official  
 63 | vehicle of that agency and is authorized to be used by that  
 64 | agency ~~which could deceive a reasonable person into believing~~  
 65 | ~~that such vehicle is authorized by any of the agencies described~~  
 66 | ~~above for use by the person operating the motor vehicle, unless~~  
 67 | such vehicle is owned or operated by the appropriate agency and  
 68 | its use is authorized by such agency, ~~or~~ the local law  
 69 | enforcement agency or fire department authorizes the use of such  
 70 | vehicle, or unless the person is appointed by the Governor  
 71 | pursuant to chapter 354.

72 | (4) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not shall prohibit a  
 73 | fraternal, benevolent, or labor organization or association, or  
 74 | their chapters or subsidiaries, from using the following words,  
 75 | in any manner or in any combination, if those words appear in  
 76 | the official name of the organization or association: "police,"  
 77 | "patrolman," "sheriff," "deputy," "trooper," "highway patrol,"  
 78 | "commission officer," "Wildlife Officer," "Marine Patrol  
 79 | Officer," "marshal," "constable," ~~or~~ "bailiff," or "fire  
 80 | department."

81 | Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 82 | 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

83 | 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 84 | ranking chart.—

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85	(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART		
86	(b) LEVEL 2		
87	Florida	Felony	
88	Statute	Degree	Description
88	379.2431 (1) (e) 3.	3rd	Possession of 11 or fewer marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
89	379.2431 (1) (e) 4.	3rd	Possession of more than 11 marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
90	403.413 (6) (c)	3rd	Dumps waste litter exceeding 500 lbs. in weight or 100 cubic feet in volume or any quantity for commercial purposes, or hazardous waste.
91	517.07 (2)	3rd	Failure to furnish a prospectus meeting requirements.
92	590.28 (1)	3rd	Intentional burning of lands.
93	784.05 (3)	3rd	Storing or leaving a loaded

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			firearm within reach of minor who uses it to inflict injury or death.
94	787.04(1)	3rd	In violation of court order, take, entice, etc., minor beyond state limits.
95	806.13(1)(b)3.	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage \$1,000 or more to public communication or any other public service.
96	810.061(2)	3rd	Impairing or impeding telephone or power to a dwelling; facilitating or furthering burglary.
97	810.09(2)(e)	3rd	Trespassing on posted commercial horticulture property.
98	812.014(2)(c)1.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$300 or more but less than \$5,000.
99	812.014(2)(d)	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$100 or more but less than \$300, taken from unenclosed curtilage

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of dwelling.

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812.015 (7) 3rd Possession, use, or attempted use of an antishoplifting or inventory control device countermeasure.

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817.234 (1) (a) 2. 3rd False statement in support of insurance claim.

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817.481 (3) (a) 3rd Obtain credit or purchase with false, expired, counterfeit, etc., credit card, value over \$300.

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817.52 (3) 3rd Failure to redeliver hired vehicle.

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817.54 3rd With intent to defraud, obtain mortgage note, etc., by false representation.

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817.60 (5) 3rd Dealing in credit cards of another.

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817.60 (6) (a) 3rd Forgery; purchase goods, services with false card.

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817.61 3rd Fraudulent use of credit cards  
over \$100 or more within 6  
months.

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826.04 3rd Knowingly marries or has sexual  
intercourse with person to whom  
related.

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831.01 3rd Forgery.

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831.02 3rd Uttering forged instrument;  
utters or publishes alteration  
with intent to defraud.

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831.07 3rd Forging bank bills, checks,  
drafts, or promissory notes.

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831.08 3rd Possessing 10 or more forged  
notes, bills, checks, or  
drafts.

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831.09 3rd Uttering forged notes, bills,  
checks, drafts, or promissory  
notes.

831.11 3rd Bringing into the state forged  
bank bills, checks, drafts, or  
notes.

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832.05 (3) (a) 3rd Cashing or depositing item with  
intent to defraud.

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843.08 3rd False personation ~~False~~  
~~impersonating an officer.~~

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893.13 (2) (a) 2. 3rd Purchase of any s.  
893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1.,  
(2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 5.,  
(2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,  
(2) (c) 9., (3), or (4) drugs  
other than cannabis.

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893.147 (2) 3rd Manufacture or delivery of drug  
paraphernalia.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.