

Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 1031 — Marine Turtle Protection

by Rep. Altman and others (SB 1228 by Senators Gainer and Hutson)

The bill amends the offense severity ranking chart provided in s. 921.0022(3), F.S., to:

- Update the cross-reference to s. 379.2431(1)(e)7., F.S., relating to soliciting or conspiring to commit a violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act; and
- Add s. 379.2431(1)(e)6., F.S., relating to the possession of a marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or the nest of any marine turtle species.

Under the bill, both offenses are Level 3 offenses.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 36-2; House 117-0