## 17-1574A-04

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the criminal use of personal identification information; amending s. 3 4 817.568, F.S.; defining the term "counterfeit or fictitious personal identification 5 information"; providing that it is a 6 7 third-degree felony for a person to fraudulently possess the personal 8 9 identification information of a deceased 10 person; providing that a person who fraudulently uses the personal identification 11 12 information of a deceased person commits a second-degree felony; providing criminal 13 penalties; requiring a mandatory minimum 14 sentence; providing that it is a third-degree 15 felony to fraudulently use, or possess to use, 16 counterfeit or fictitious personal 17 identification information of another; 18 19 providing criminal penalties; authorizing the 20 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a defendant providing substantial assistance to a 21 22 law enforcement agency; requiring that certain persons convicted of personal identification 23 information misrepresentation have the offense 24 25 reclassified to the next higher degree; amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the 26 27 offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal 2.8 Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective 29 30 date. 31

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

Section 1. Section 817.568, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

 817.568 Criminal use of personal identification information.--

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Access device" means any card, plate, code, account number, electronic serial number, mobile identification number, personal identification number, or other telecommunications service, equipment, or instrument identifier, or other means of account access that can be used, alone or in conjunction with another access device, to obtain money, goods, services, or any other thing of value, or that can be used to initiate a transfer of funds, other than a transfer originated solely by paper instrument.
- (b) "Authorization" means empowerment, permission, or competence to act.
- (c) "Counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information" means any counterfeit, fictitious, or fabricated information similar to the data listed in paragraph (g), which, though not truthful or accurate, nevertheless, would in the context lead a reasonably prudent person to credit its truthfulness and accuracy.

 $\underline{(d)}$  "Harass" means to engage in conduct directed at a specific person that is intended to cause substantial emotional distress to such person and serves no legitimate purpose. "Harass" does not mean to use personal identification information for accepted commercial purposes. The term does not include constitutionally protected conduct such as

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organized protests or the use of personal identification information for accepted commercial purposes.

(e)(d) "Individual" means a single human being and does not mean a firm, association of individuals, corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or any other entity.

(f)<del>(e)</del> "Person" means a "person" as defined in s. 1.01(3).

(g)(f) "Personal identification information" means any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual, including any:

- Name, address, social security number, date of birth, official state-issued or United States-issued driver's license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number, Medicaid or food stamp account number, or bank account or credit card number;
- 2. Unique biometric data, such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation;
- 3. Unique electronic identification number, address, or routing code; or
- 4. Telecommunication identifying information or access device.
- A Any person who willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses, or possesses with intent to fraudulently use, personal identification information concerning an individual without first obtaining that individual's consent, commits the offense of fraudulent use of 31 personal identification information, which is a felony of the

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third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

- (b) A Any person who willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses personal identification information concerning an individual without first obtaining that individual's consent commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided, or the amount of the injury or fraud perpetrated is \$5,000 or more or if the person fraudulently uses the personal identification information of 10 or more individuals without their consent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall sentence any person convicted of committing the offense described in this paragraph to a mandatory minimum sentence of 3 years' imprisonment.
- (c)  $\underline{A}$   $\underline{Any}$  person who willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses personal identification information concerning an individual without first obtaining that individual's consent commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided, or the amount of the injury or fraud perpetrated is \$50,000 or more or if the person fraudulently uses the personal identification information of 20 or more individuals without their consent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall sentence any person convicted of committing the offense described in this paragraph:
- To a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years' 31 imprisonment.

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- 2. To a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, if the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided, or the amount of the injury or fraud perpetrated is \$100,000 or more or if the person fraudulently uses the personal identification information of 30 or more individuals without their consent.
- (d)1. A person who, following the death of an individual, willfully possesses with intent to fraudulently use, personal identification of the deceased individual commits the offense of fraudulent possession of personal identification information of a deceased person, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- 2. A person who, following the death of an individual, willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses personal identification of the deceased individual commits the offense of fraudulent use of the personal identification information of a deceased person, a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided, or the amount of injury or fraud perpetrated is \$50,000 or more or if the person fraudulently uses the personal identification information of more than one deceased person, the offense is fraudulent use of personal identification of a deceased person in the first degree, a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other law, the court shall sentence a person convicted of committing an offense described in this paragraph:

a. To a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years'
imprisonment; or

- b. To a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, if the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided, or the amount of the injury or fraud perpetrated is \$50,000 or more.
- (e) A person who willfully and fraudulently creates or uses, or possesses with the intent to use, counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information concerning a fictitious individual, or a real individual without first obtaining that real individual's consent, intending to use the personal identification information for the purpose of defrauding another person commits the offense of fraudulent creation, use, or possession with intent to fraudulently use counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information, which is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (3) Neither paragraph (2)(b) nor paragraph (2)(c) prevents a court from imposing a greater sentence of incarceration as authorized by law. If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed under paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(c) exceed the maximum sentences authorized under s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, the mandatory minimum sentence must be imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment under paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(c) are less than the sentence that could be imposed under s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, the sentence imposed by the court must include the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment as required by paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(c).

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1 (4) The prosecutor may request the sentencing court to reduce or suspend the sentence of any person who is convicted 2 3 of a violation of this section and who provides substantial 4 assistance to a law enforcement agency or the prosecuting 5 agency in the identification, arrest, or conviction of any of that person's accomplices, accessories, coconspirators, or 6 7 principals or of any other person engaged in fraudulent 8 possession or use of personal identification information. The 9 arresting agency shall be given an opportunity to be heard 10 with respect to the court's consideration of aggravating or 11 mitigating circumstances. Upon good cause shown, the matter may be filed and heard in camera. The court may reduce or 12 suspend the sentence if the court finds that the defendant 13 14 rendered substantial assistance.

(5)(4) A Any person who willfully and without authorization possesses, uses, or attempts to use personal identification information concerning an individual without first obtaining that individual's consent, and who does so for the purpose of harassing that individual, commits the offense of harassment by use of personal identification information, which is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- (6)(5) If an offense prohibited under this section was facilitated or furthered by the use of a public record, as defined in s. 119.011, the offense is reclassified to the next higher degree as follows:
- (a) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified as a felony of the third degree.
- (b) A felony of the third degree is reclassified as a felony of the second degree.

(c) A felony of the second degree is reclassified as a felony of the first degree.

For purposes of sentencing under chapter 921 and incentive gain-time eligibility under chapter 944, a felony offense that is reclassified under this subsection is ranked one level above the ranking under s. 921.0022 of the felony offense committed, and a misdemeanor offense that is reclassified under this subsection is ranked in level 2 of the offense severity ranking chart in s. 921.0022.

(7)(6) A Any person who willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses personal identification information concerning an individual who is less than 18 years of age without first obtaining the consent of that individual or of his or her legal guardian commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(8)(a) A person who commits any criminal act specified in this section and, for the purpose of obtaining or using the personal identification information, misrepresents himself or herself to be a law enforcement officer or an employee or representative of a bank, credit card company, credit counseling company, or a credit reporting agency, or who wrongfully represents that he or she is seeking to assist the victim with a problem with the victim's credit history shall at sentencing have his or her offense reclassified to the next higher degree as provided in this subsection. The reclassification shall be made in the following manner:

reclassified as a felony of the third degree.

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- 2. In the case of a felony of the third degree, the offense is reclassified as a felony of the second degree.
- 3. In the case of a felony of the second degree, the offense is reclassified as a felony of the first degree.
- 4. In the case of a felony of the first degree or a felony of the first degree punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding life, the offense is reclassified as a life felony.
- (b) For purposes of sentencing under chapter 921, the following offense severity ranking levels apply:
- 1. An offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree and that is reclassified under this section as a felony of the third degree is ranked in level 2 of the offense severity ranking chart.
- 2. A felony offense that is reclassified under this section is ranked one level above the ranking specified in s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 for the offense committed.
- (9)(7) A Any person who is in the relationship of parent or legal guardian, or who otherwise exercises custodial authority over an individual who is less than 18 years of age, who willfully and fraudulently uses personal identification information of that individual commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (10)(8) This section does not prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of this state or any of its political subdivisions, of any other state or its political subdivisions, or of the Federal Government or its political subdivisions.

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(11)(9)(a) In sentencing a defendant convicted of an offense under this section, the court may order that the defendant make restitution pursuant to s. 775.089 to any victim of the offense. In addition to the victim's out-of-pocket costs, the such restitution may include payment of any other costs, including attorney's fees incurred by the victim in clearing the victim's credit history or credit rating, or any costs incurred in connection with any civil or administrative proceeding to satisfy any debt, lien, or other obligation of the victim arising as the result of the actions of the defendant.

(b) The sentencing court may issue such orders as are necessary to correct any public record that contains false information given in violation of this section.

(12)(10) Prosecutions for violations of this section may be brought on behalf of the state by any state attorney or by the statewide prosecutor.

(13)(11) The Legislature finds that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the location where a victim gives or fails to give consent to the use of personal identification information is the county where the victim generally resides.

(14)(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, venue for the prosecution and trial of violations of this section may be commenced and maintained in any county in which an element of the offense occurred, including the county where the victim generally resides.

 $\underline{(15)(13)}$  A prosecution of an offense prohibited under subsection (2), subsection $\underline{(7)(6)}$ , or subsection $\underline{(9)(7)}$ must be commenced within 3 years after the offense occurred. However, a prosecution may be commenced within 1 year after discovery of the offense by an aggrieved party, or by a person

1	who has a legal d	uty to rep	present the aggrieved party and who
2	is not a party to	the offer	nse, if such prosecution is
3	commenced within	5 years af	ter the violation occurred.
4	Section 2.	Paragrap	ohs (h) and (i) of subsection (3) of
5	section 921.0022,	Florida S	Statutes, are amended to read:
6	921.0022	Criminal F	Punishment Code; offense severity
7	ranking chart		
8	(3) OFFEN	SE SEVERIT	TY RANKING CHART
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10	Florida	Felony	
11	Statute	Degree	Description
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14			(h) LEVEL 8
15	316.193		
16	(3)(c)3.a.	2nd	DUI manslaughter.
17	327.35(3)(c)3.	2nd	Vessel BUI manslaughter.
18	499.0051(7)	1st	Forgery of prescription or legend
19			drug labels.
20	499.0052	1st	Trafficking in contraband legend
21			drugs.
22	560.123(8)(b)2.	2nd	Failure to report currency or
23			payment instruments totaling or
24			exceeding \$20,000, but less than
25			\$100,000 by money transmitter.
26	560.125(5)(b)	2nd	Money transmitter business by
27			unauthorized person, currency or
28			payment instruments totaling or
29			exceeding \$20,000, but less than
30			\$100,000.
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1	655.50(10)(b)2.	2nd	Failure to report financial
2	055.50(10)(D)2.	2110	transactions totaling or
3			exceeding \$20,000, but less than
4			\$100,000 by financial
5			institutions.
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6	777.03(2)(a)	1st	Accessory after the fact, capital
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8	782.04(4)	2nd	Killing of human without design
9			when engaged in act or attempt of
10			any felony other than arson,
11			sexual battery, robbery,
12			burglary, kidnapping, aircraft
13			piracy, or unlawfully discharging
14			bomb.
15	782.051(2)	1st	Attempted felony murder while
16			perpetrating or attempting to
17			perpetrate a felony not
18			enumerated in s. 782.04(3).
19	782.071(1)(b)	1st	Committing vehicular homicide and
20			failing to render aid or give
21			information.
22	782.072(2)	1st	Committing vessel homicide and
23			failing to render aid or give
24			information.
25	790.161(3)	1st	Discharging a destructive device
26			which results in bodily harm or
27			property damage.
28	794.011(5)	2nd	Sexual battery, victim 12 years
29			or over, offender does not use
30			physical force likely to cause
31			serious injury.

1	800.04(4)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious battery.
2	806.01(1)	1st	Maliciously damage dwelling or
3			structure by fire or explosive,
4			believing person in structure.
5	810.02(2)(a)	1st,PBL	Burglary with assault or battery.
6	810.02(2)(b)	1st,PBL	Burglary; armed with explosives
7			or dangerous weapon.
8	810.02(2)(c)	1st	Burglary of a dwelling or
9			structure causing structural
10			damage or \$1,000 or more property
11			damage.
12	812.13(2)(b)	1st	Robbery with a weapon.
13	812.135(2)	1st	Home-invasion robbery.
14	817.568 <u>(7)</u> <del>(6)</del>	2nd	Fraudulent use of personal
15			identification information of an
16			individual under the age of 18.
17	825.102(2)	2nd	Aggravated abuse of an elderly
18			person or disabled adult.
19	825.1025(2)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious battery upon
20			an elderly person or disabled
21			adult.
22	825.103(2)(a)	1st	Exploiting an elderly person or
23			disabled adult and property is
24			valued at \$100,000 or more.
25	837.02(2)	2nd	Perjury in official proceedings
26			relating to prosecution of a
27			capital felony.
28	837.021(2)	2nd	Making contradictory statements
29			in official proceedings relating
30			to prosecution of a capital
31			felony.

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1	860.121(2)(c)	1st	Shooting at or throwing any
2			object in path of railroad
3			vehicle resulting in great bodily
4			harm.
5	860.16	1st	Aircraft piracy.
6	893.13(1)(b)	1st	Sell or deliver in excess of 10
7			grams of any substance specified
8			in s. 893.03(1)(a) or (b).
9	893.13(2)(b)	1st	Purchase in excess of 10 grams of
10			any substance specified in s.
11			893.03(1)(a) or (b).
12	893.13(6)(c)	1st	Possess in excess of 10 grams of
13			any substance specified in s.
14			893.03(1)(a) or (b).
15	893.135(1)(a)2.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more
16			than 2,000 lbs., less than 10,000
17			lbs.
18	893.135		
19	(1)(b)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than
20			200 grams, less than 400 grams.
21	893.135		
22	(1)(c)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs,
23			more than 14 grams, less than 28
24			grams.
25	893.135		
26	(1)(d)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine,
27			more than 200 grams, less than
28			400 grams.
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2	(1)(e)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, more
3			than 5 kilograms, less than 25
4			kilograms.
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6	(1)(f)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, more
7			than 28 grams, less than 200
8			grams.
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10	(1)(g)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 14
11			grams or more, less than 28
12			grams.
13	893.135		
14	(1)(h)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in
15			gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB),
16			5 kilograms or more, less than 10
17			kilograms.
18	893.135		
19	(1)(j)1.b.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 5
20			kilograms or more, less than 10
21			kilograms.
22	893.135		
23	(1)(k)2.b.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines,
24			200 grams or more, less than 400
25			grams.
26	895.03(1)	1st	Use or invest proceeds derived
27			from pattern of racketeering
28			activity.
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1	895.03(2)	1st	Acquire or maintain through
2			racketeering activity any
3			interest in or control of any
4			enterprise or real property.
5	895.03(3)	1st	Conduct or participate in any
6			enterprise through pattern of
7			racketeering activity.
8	896.101(5)(b)	2nd	Money laundering, financial
9			transactions totaling or
10			exceeding \$20,000, but less than
11			\$100,000.
12	896.104(4)(a)2.	2nd	Structuring transactions to evade
13			reporting or registration
14			requirements, financial
15			transactions totaling or
16			exceeding \$20,000 but less than
17			\$100,000.
18			(i) LEVEL 9
19	316.193		
20	(3)(c)3.b.	1st	DUI manslaughter; failing to
21			render aid or give information.
22	327.35(3)(c)3.b.	1st	BUI manslaughter; failing to
23			render aid or give information.
24	499.0053	1st	Sale or purchase of contraband
25			legend drugs resulting in great
26			bodily harm.
27	560.123(8)(b)3.	1st	Failure to report currency or
28			payment instruments totaling or
29			exceeding \$100,000 by money
30			transmitter.
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1	560.125(5)(c)	1st	Money transmitter business by
2			unauthorized person, currency, or
3			payment instruments totaling or
4			exceeding \$100,000.
5	655.50(10)(b)3.	1st	Failure to report financial
6			transactions totaling or
7			exceeding \$100,000 by financial
8			institution.
9	775.0844	1st	Aggravated white collar crime.
10	782.04(1)	1st	Attempt, conspire, or solicit to
11			commit premeditated murder.
12	782.04(3)	1st,PBL	Accomplice to murder in
13			connection with arson, sexual
14			battery, robbery, burglary, and
15			other specified felonies.
16	782.051(1)	1st	Attempted felony murder while
17			perpetrating or attempting to
18			perpetrate a felony enumerated in
19			s. 782.04(3).
20	782.07(2)	1st	Aggravated manslaughter of an
21			elderly person or disabled adult.
22	787.01(1)(a)1.	1st,PBL	Kidnapping; hold for ransom or
23			reward or as a shield or hostage.
24	787.01(1)(a)2.	1st,PBL	Kidnapping with intent to commit
25			or facilitate commission of any
26			felony.
27	787.01(1)(a)4.	1st,PBL	Kidnapping with intent to
28			interfere with performance of any
29			governmental or political
30			function.
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1	787.02(3)(a)	1st	False imprisonment; child under
2			age 13; perpetrator also commits
3			aggravated child abuse, sexual
4			battery, or lewd or lascivious
5			battery, molestation, conduct, or
6			exhibition.
7	790.161	1st	Attempted capital destructive
8			device offense.
9	790.166(2)	1st,PBL	Possessing, selling, using, or
10			attempting to use a weapon of
11			mass destruction.
12	794.011(2)	1st	Attempted sexual battery; victim
13			less than 12 years of age.
14	794.011(2)	Life	Sexual battery; offender younger
15			than 18 years and commits sexual
16			battery on a person less than 12
17			years.
18	794.011(4)	1st	Sexual battery; victim 12 years
19			or older, certain circumstances.
20	794.011(8)(b)	1st	Sexual battery; engage in sexual
21			conduct with minor 12 to 18 years
22			by person in familial or
23			custodial authority.
24	800.04(5)(b)	1st	Lewd or lascivious molestation;
25			victim less than 12 years;
26			offender 18 years or older.
27	812.13(2)(a)	1st,PBL	Robbery with firearm or other
28			deadly weapon.
29	812.133(2)(a)	1st,PBL	Carjacking; firearm or other
30			deadly weapon.
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1	817.568(9) <del>(7)</del>	2nd,PBL	Fraudulent use of personal
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3			individual under the age of 18 by
4			his or her parent, legal
5			guardian, or person exercising
6			custodial authority.
7	827.03(2)	1st	Aggravated child abuse.
8	847.0145(1)	1st	Selling, or otherwise
9			transferring custody or control,
10			of a minor.
11	847.0145(2)	1st	Purchasing, or otherwise
12			obtaining custody or control, of
13			a minor.
14	859.01	1st	Poisoning or introducing
15			bacteria, radioactive materials,
16			viruses, or chemical compounds
17			into food, drink, medicine, or
18			water with intent to kill or
19			injure another person.
20	893.135	1st	Attempted capital trafficking
21			offense.
22	893.135(1)(a)3.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more
23			than 10,000 lbs.
24	893.135		
25	(1)(b)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than
26			400 grams, less than 150
27			kilograms.
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29	(1)(c)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs,
30			more than 28 grams, less than 30
31			kilograms.

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2	(1)(d)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine,
3			more than 400 grams.
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5	(1)(e)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, more
6			than 25 kilograms.
7	893.135		
8	(1)(f)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, more
9			than 200 grams.
10	893.135		
11	(1)(h)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in
12			gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB),
13			10 kilograms or more.
14	893.135		
15	(1)(j)1.c.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 10
16			kilograms or more.
17	893.135		
18	(1)(k)2.c.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines,
19			400 grams or more.
20	896.101(5)(c)	1st	Money laundering, financial
21			instruments totaling or exceeding
22			\$100,000.
23	896.104(4)(a)3.	1st	Structuring transactions to evade
24			reporting or registration
25			requirements, financial
26			transactions totaling or
27			exceeding \$100,000.
28	Section 3.	This act	shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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SENATE SUMMARY Provides that a person who fraudulently possesses the personal identification information of a deceased person commits a felony of the third degree and a person who fraudulently uses the personal identification information of a deceased person commits a felony of the second degree. Provides criminal penalties and requires a mandatory minimum sentence. Provides that a person who fraudulently uses, or possesses to use, counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information of another commits a felony of the third degree. Authorizes the court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a defendant who provides substantial assistance to law enforcement. Requires that certain persons convicted of personal identification information misrepresentation have the offense reclassified to the next higher degree. offense reclassified to the next higher degree.