

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Castor Dentel offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 775.021,

Florida Statutes, to read:

775.021 Rules of construction.—

(5) Except as otherwise provided by law, the penalty for a felony or misdemeanor offense committed against a pregnant woman may be enhanced as provided in this subsection. The penalty enhancement only affects the applicable statutory maximum penalty. The enhancement may be as follows:

(a) A misdemeanor of the second degree may be punished as if it were a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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15       (b) A misdemeanor of the first degree may be punished as  
16 if it were a felony of the third degree.

17       (c) A felony of the third degree may be punished as if it  
18 were a felony of the second degree.

19       (d) A felony of the second degree may be punished as if it  
20 were a felony of the first degree.

21       (e) A felony of the first degree may be punished as if it  
22 were a life felony.

23       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

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27       Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

28                                   A bill to be entitled

29       An act relating to offenses against pregnant women;  
30       amending s. 775.021, F.S.; providing for enhancement  
31       of the applicable statutory maximum penalty for an  
32       offense committed against a pregnant woman; providing  
33       an effective date.