By the Committees on Rules; and Criminal Justice; and Senator Evers

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to installation of tracking devices or tracking applications; amending s. 934.425, F.S.; revising exceptions to a prohibition on the installation of tracking devices or tracking applications to specify that the exception applies only to private investigators under certain circumstances; deleting a provision concerning persons engaged in private investigation; reenacting s. 493.6118(1)(y), F.S., relating to grounds for disciplinary action, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 934.425, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 934.425, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

934.425 Installation of tracking devices or tracking applications; exceptions; penalties.—

- (4) This section does not apply to:
- (d) A person acting in good faith on behalf of a business entity for a legitimate business purpose. This paragraph does not apply to a person engaged in private investigation, as defined in s. 493.6101, on behalf of another person, except that:
- 1. A person or business entity that is exempt under paragraph (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (e) may hire a private investigator to install a tracking device or tracking application consistent with the applicable exemption.
  - 2. A private investigator may install a tracking device or

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tracking application pursuant to a lawful court order unless such activities would otherwise be exempt under this subsection if performed by the person engaging the private investigator.

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 934.425, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (y) of subsection (1) of section 493.6118, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

493.6118 Grounds for disciplinary action.

- (1) The following constitute grounds for which disciplinary action specified in subsection (2) may be taken by the department against any licensee, agency, or applicant regulated by this chapter, or any unlicensed person engaged in activities regulated under this chapter.
- (y) Installation of a tracking device or tracking application in violation of s. 934.425.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.