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LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 02/06/2018

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Book) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

3 Delete lines 298 - 312

and insert:

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- (9) (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, a sexual offender who does not comply with the requirements of this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (b) For a felony violation of this section, excluding subsection (13), committed on or after July 1, 2018, if the

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court does not impose a prison sentence, the court shall impose a mandatory minimum term of community control, as defined in s. 948.001, as follows:

- 1. For a first offense, a mandatory minimum term of 6 months of community control with electronic monitoring.
- 2. For a second offense, a mandatory minimum term of 1 year of community control with electronic monitoring.
- 3. For a third or subsequent offense, a mandatory minimum term of 2 years of community control with electronic monitoring.

(c) (b) A sexual offender who commits any act or omission in violation of this section may be prosecuted for the act or omission in the county in which the act or omission was committed, in the county of the last registered address of the sexual offender, in the county in which the conviction occurred for the offense or offenses that meet the criteria for designating a person as a sexual offender, in the county where the sexual offender was released from incarceration, or in the county of the intended address of the sexual offender as reported by the offender prior to his or her release from incarceration.

(d) (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register when the offender has been provided and advised of his or her statutory obligations to register under subsection (2), the service of an information or a complaint for a violation of this section, or an arraignment on charges for a violation of this section constitutes actual notice of the duty to register. A sexual offender's failure to immediately register as required by this section following such arrest, service, or arraignment constitutes grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to



register. A sexual offender charged with the crime of failure to register who asserts, or intends to assert, a lack of notice of the duty to register as a defense to a charge of failure to register shall immediately register as required by this section. A sexual offender who is charged with a subsequent failure to register may not assert the defense of a lack of notice of the duty to register. (d) Registration following such arrest, service, or arraignment is not a defense and does not relieve the sexual

offender of criminal liability for the failure to register.

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===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T ====== And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete lines 258 - 261

54 and insert:

> Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 943.0435, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) of subsection (1), paragraph (d) of subsection (4), and subsection (7) of that section are republished, to read:

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 16 - 17

and insert:

for first, second, and third and subsequent felony violations if the court does not impose a prison sentence; reenacting s. 775.25, F.S.,