

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Criminal Justice**

**HB 777 — Criminal Penalties for Violations of Securities Laws**

by Rep. Eisnaugle (SB 1290 by Senator Negron)

The bill increases the ranking of securities-related offenses in the Offense Severity Ranking Chart as follows:

- A violation of s. 517.07(1), F.S. (requiring certain securities to be registered prior to sale), increases from a Level 2 offense (equating to 10 sentencing points) to a Level 4 offense (equating to 22 sentencing points).
- A violation of s. 517.12(1), F.S. (requiring securities dealers, associated persons or issuers of securities to be registered), increases from a Level 1 offense (equating to 4 sentencing points) to a Level 4 offense (equating to 22 sentencing points).

As a result, the lowest permissible sentence for violations of ss. 517.07(1) and 517.12(1), F.S., will be increased.

This bill substantially amends s. 921.0022, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 114-0*