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5-98 A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; amending s. 775.13, F.S.; providing exemptions from registration requirements for certain convicted felons; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; revising the Florida Sexual Predators Act; defining terms; prescribing criteria and procedures for designation as a sexual predator; requiring fingerprints and blood specimens for DNA

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7	prescribing criteria and procedures for
8	designation as a sexual predator; requiring
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11	notification requirements; providing for
12	removal of designation as a sexual predator;
13	providing penalties for failing to comply with
14	duties imposed on persons so designated;
15	prohibiting misuse and misrepresentation of
16	public records information and providing
17	penalties; amending s. 943.043, F.S.; providing
18	civil immunity for certain persons and entities
19	who provide information regarding sexual
20	offenders and sexual predators; amending s.
21	943.0435, F.S; specifying sexual offenders who
22	must report and identify themselves; revising
23	reporting requirements; providing civil
24	immunity for specified persons and entities who
25	administer such reporting requirements;
26	providing for certain persons to be relieved
27	from such reporting requirements; amending ss.
28	944.605, 947.177, F.S.; prescribing penalties
29	for inmates who refuse to submit to the taking
30	of a digitized photograph; amending ss.
31	944.606, 944.607, F.S.; revising provisions
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governing notification concerning the release
of sexual offenders; specifying persons with
respect to whom such provisions apply;
providing civil immunity for specified persons
and entities who release information concerning
such offenders; providing an effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Section 775.13, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:
775.13 Registration of convicted felons, exemptions;
penalties
(1) Any person who has been convicted of a felony in
any court of this state shall, within 48 hours after entering
any county in this state, register with the sheriff of said
county, be fingerprinted and photographed, and list the crime
for which convicted, place of conviction, sentence imposed, if
any, name, aliases, if any, address, and occupation.
(2) Any person who has been convicted of a crime in
and followed account of a state other than

20 (2) A 21 any federal court or in any court of a state other than Florida, or of any foreign state or country, which crime if 22 23 committed in Florida would be a felony, shall forthwith within 24 48 hours after entering any county in this state register with the sheriff of said county in the same manner as provided for 25 26 in subsection (1).

27 (3) Any person who is within any county of the state as of October 1, 1997, shall register with the sheriff of such 28 29 county by December 1, 1997, if such person would be required 30 to register under the terms of subsection (1) or subsection 31 (2), if he or she were entering such county.

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(4) In lieu of registering with the sheriff as required by this section, such registration may be made with the Department of Law Enforcement, and is subject to the same terms and conditions as required for registration with the sheriff. (5) This section does not apply to an offender: Who has had his or her civil rights restored; (a) (b) Who has received a full pardon for the offense for which convicted; (c) Who has been lawfully released from incarceration or other sentence or supervision for a felony conviction for more than 5 years prior to such time for registration, unless the offender is a fugitive from justice on a felony charge or has been convicted of any offense since release from such incarceration or other sentence or supervision; (d) Who is a parolee or probationer under the supervision of the United States Parole Commission if the commission knows of and consents to the presence of the offender in Florida or is a probationer under the supervision of any federal probation officer in the state or who has been lawfully discharged from such parole or probation; or (e) Who is a sexual predator and has registered as required under s. 775.21; or-(f) Who is a sexual offender and has registered as required in s. 944.607. (6) Failure of any such convicted felon to comply with this section constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. (7) All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith

shall be construed to affect any law of this state relating to 3

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are hereby repealed, provided that nothing in this section

1 registration of criminals where the penalties are in excess of 2 those imposed by this section. 3 Section 2. Section 775.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4 775.21 The Florida Sexual Predators Act; definitions; 5 6 legislative findings, purpose, and intent; criteria; 7 designation; registration; community and public notification; 8 immunity; penalties.--9 (1) SHORT TITLE.--This section may be cited as "The 10 Florida Sexual Predators Act." 11 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term: "Chief of police" means the chief law enforcement 12 (a) 13 officer of a municipality. "Community" means any county where the sexual 14 (b) 15 predator lives or otherwise establishes or maintains a 16 temporary or permanent residence. "Conviction" means a determination of guilt which 17 (C) 18 is the result of a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty of 19 nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is 20 withheld. 21 (d) (c) "Department" means the Department of Law Enforcement. 22 23 (e)(d) "Entering the county" includes being discharged 24 from a correctional facility or jail or secure treatment facility within the county or being under supervision within 25 the county for the commission of a violation enumerated in 26 27 subsection (4). 28 (f) "Permanent residence" means a place where the 29 person abides, lodges, or resides for 14 or more days, 30 regardless of whether the days are consecutive. 31

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1 (g)(e) "Temporary residence" means a place where the person abides, lodges, or resides for less than 14 days, 2 3 regardless of whether the days are consecutive or a place where the person is employed, practices a vocation, or is 4 5 enrolled as a student for any period of time. A stay of less б than 14 days at a residence or place other than the person's 7 permanent or temporary residence due to a vacation, emergency, 8 or special circumstance that requires the person to leave his 9 or her permanent or temporary residence is not a temporary 10 residence.a stay of 2 or more weeks. 11 (3) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--12 (a) Repeat sexual sex offenders, sexual sex offenders 13 14 who use physical violence, and sexual sex offenders who prey on children are sexual predators who present an extreme threat 15 to the public safety. Sexual Sex offenders are extremely 16 17 likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses, and most sexual sex offenders commit many offenses, have many 18 19 more victims than are ever reported, and are prosecuted for only a fraction of their crimes. This makes the cost of sexual 20 21 sex offender victimization to society at large, while incalculable, clearly exorbitant. 22 (b) The high level of threat that a sexual predator 23 24 presents to the public safety, and the long-term effects suffered by victims of sex offenses, provide the state with 25 sufficient justification to implement a strategy that 26 27 includes: 28 1. Incarcerating sexual predators and maintaining 29 adequate facilities to ensure that decisions to release sexual 30 predators into the community are not made on the basis of 31 inadequate space. 5

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1 2. Providing for specialized supervision of sexual 2 predators who are in the community by specially trained 3 probation officers with low caseloads, as described in ss. 947.1405(7) and 948.03(5). The sexual predator is subject to 4 5 specified terms and conditions implemented at sentencing or at б the time of release from incarceration, with a requirement 7 that those who are financially able must pay all or part of 8 the costs of supervision. 9 3. Requiring the registration of sexual predators, 10 with a requirement that complete and accurate information be 11 maintained and accessible for use by law enforcement authorities, communities, and the public. 12 4. Providing for community and public notification 13 concerning the presence of sexual predators. 14 Prohibiting sexual predators from working with 15 5. children, either for compensation or as a volunteer. 16 17 (c) The state has a compelling interest in protecting 18 the public from sexual predators and in protecting children 19 from predatory sexual activity, and there is sufficient 20 justification for requiring sexual predators to register and 21 for requiring community and public notification of the 22 presence of sexual predators. (d) It is the purpose of the Legislature that, upon 23 24 the court's written finding that an offender is a sexual 25 predator, in order to protect the public, it is necessary that the sexual predator be registered with the department and that 26 the community and the public be notified of the sexual 27 28 predator's presence. The designation of a person as a sexual 29 predator is neither a sentence nor a punishment but simply a 30 status resulting from the conviction of certain crimes. 31

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1 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to address the 2 problem of sexual predators by: 3 Requiring sexual predators supervised in the 1. community to have special conditions of supervision and to be 4 5 supervised by probation officers with low caseloads; б 2. Requiring sexual predators to register with the 7 Florida Department of Law Enforcement, as provided in this 8 section; and 9 3. Requiring community and public notification of the 10 presence of a sexual predator, as provided in this section. 11 (4) SEXUAL PREDATOR CRITERIA.--12 (a) For a current offense committed on or after October 1, 1993, and before October 1, 1995: 13 An offender who was found by the court under former 14 1. s. 775.22 or former s. 775.23 to be a sexual predator is a 15 16 "sexual predator" if the court made a written finding that the 17 offender was a sexual predator at the time of sentencing, as required by former s. 775.23. Such sexual predator must 18 19 register or be registered as a sexual predator with the 20 department as provided in subsection (6), and is subject to 21 community and public notification as provided in subsection (7). Upon notification of the presence of a sexual predator, 22 23 the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the 24 municipality where the sexual predator establishes or 25 maintains a permanent or temporary residence temporarily or permanently resides shall notify the community and the public 26 27 of the presence of the sexual predator in a manner deemed 28 appropriate by the sheriff or the chief of police. 29 If an offender has been registered as a sexual 2. 30 predator by the Department of Corrections, the department, or 31 any other law enforcement agency and:

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1 The court did not, for whatever reason, make a a. 2 written finding at the time of sentencing that the offender 3 was a sexual predator, or The offender was administratively registered as a 4 b. 5 sexual predator because the Department of Corrections, the 6 department, or any other law enforcement agency obtained 7 information which indicated that the offender met the sexual 8 predator criteria based on a violation of a similar law in 9 another jurisdiction, 10 11 the department shall remove that offender from the department's sexual predator list, and shall notify the state 12 13 attorney who prosecuted the offense that triggered the administrative sexual predator designation for offenders 14 15 described in sub-subparagraph a., or the state attorney of the county where the offender establishes or maintains a permanent 16 17 or temporary residence permanently or temporarily resides on October 1, 1996, for offenders described in sub-subparagraph 18 19 b. The state attorney may bring the matter to the court's attention in order to establish that the offender meets the 20 21 sexual predator criteria. If the court then makes a written finding that the offender is a sexual predator, the offender 22 is designated as a sexual predator, and must register or be 23 24 registered as a sexual predator with the department as 25 provided in subsection (6), and is subject to community and public notification requirements as provided in subsection 26 (7). If the court does not make a written finding that the 27 28 offender is a sexual predator, the offender is not designated 29 as a sexual predator with respect to that offense, is not 30 required to register or be registered as a sexual predator 31

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1 with the department, and is not subject to community and 2 public notification. 3 (b) For a current offense committed on or after October 1, 1995, and before October 1, 1996: 4 5 1. An offender who was found by the court under former 6 s. 775.22 or former s. 775.23 to be a sexual predator is a 7 "sexual predator" if the court made a written finding that the 8 offender was a sexual predator at the time of sentencing, as required by former s. 775.23. Such sexual predator must 9 10 register or be registered with the department as provided in 11 subsection (6), and is subject to community and public notification as provided in subsection (7). Upon notification 12 of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff of the 13 county or the chief of police of the municipality where the 14 15 sexual predator establishes or maintains a permanent or temporary residence temporarily or permanently resides shall 16 17 notify the community and the public of the presence of the 18 sexual predator in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff or the chief of police. 19 20 2. If an offender has been registered as a sexual 21 predator by the Department of Corrections, the department, or 22 any other law enforcement agency and: The court did not, for whatever reason, make a 23 a 24 written finding at the time of sentencing that the offender 25 was a sexual predator, or The offender was administratively registered as a 26 b. 27 sexual predator because the Department of Corrections, the 28 department, or any other law enforcement agency obtained information which indicated that the offender met the sexual 29 predator criteria based on a violation of a similar law in 30

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1 2 the department shall remove that offender from the 3 department's sexual predator list, and shall notify the state attorney who prosecuted the offense that triggered the 4 5 administrative sexual predator designation for offenders 6 described in sub-subparagraph a., or the state attorney of the 7 county where the offender establishes or maintains a permanent 8 or temporary residence permanently or temporarily resides on 9 October 1, 1996, for offenders described in sub-subparagraph 10 b. The state attorney may bring the matter to the court's 11 attention in order to establish that the offender meets the sexual predator criteria. If the court makes a written finding 12 that the offender is a sexual predator, the offender is 13 designated as a sexual predator, must register or be 14 registered as a sexual predator with the department as 15 provided in subsection (6), and is subject to the community 16 17 and public notification as provided in subsection (7) provisions under former s. 775.225. If the court does not make 18 a written finding that the offender is a sexual predator, the 19 offender is not designated as a sexual predator with respect 20 21 to that offense and is not required to register or be registered as a sexual predator with the department. 22 (c) For a current offense committed on or after 23 24 October 1, 1996, upon conviction, an offender shall be designated as a "sexual predator" under subsection (5), and 25 subject to registration under subsection (6) and community and 26 27 public notification under subsection (7) if: 28 The felony meets the criteria of former ss. 1. 29 775.22(2) and 775.23(2), specifically, the felony is: 30 A capital, life, or first degree felony violation а. 31 of s. 787.01 or s. 787.02, where the victim is a minor and the

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1 defendant is not the victim's parent, of chapter 794 or s. 2 847.0145, or of a similar law of another jurisdiction; or 3 b. Any second degree or greater felony violation of s. 4 787.01 or s. 787.02, where the victim is a minor and the 5 defendant is not the victim's parent, of chapter 794, of s. б 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 825.1025(2)(b), s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, or of a similar law of another jurisdiction, and the 7 offender has previously been convicted of or found to have 8 9 committed, or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to, 10 regardless of adjudication, any violation of s. 787.01 or s. 11 787.02, where the victim is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's parent, of s. 794.011(2), (3), (4), (5), or (8), 12 s. 794.023, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, s. 13 847.0133, s. 847.0135, or s. 847.0145, or of a similar law of 14 another jurisdiction; 15 2. The offender has not received a pardon for any 16 17 felony or similar law of another jurisdiction that is necessary for the operation of this paragraph; and 18 19 3. A conviction of a felony or similar law of another 20 jurisdiction necessary to the operation of this paragraph has 21 not been set aside in any postconviction proceeding. (d) In order to be counted as a prior felony for 22 purposes of this subsection, the felony must have resulted in 23 24 a conviction sentenced separately, or an adjudication of delinquency entered separately, prior to the current offense 25 and sentenced or adjudicated separately from any other felony 26 27 conviction that is to be counted as a prior felony. If the 28 offender's prior enumerated felony was committed more than 10 29 years before the primary offense, it shall not be considered a 30 prior felony under this subsection if the offender has not 31 been convicted of any other crime for a period of 10

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1 consecutive years from the most recent date of release from confinement, supervision, or sanction, whichever is later. 2 3 (e) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt that 4 is the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether 5 adjudication is withheld. б (5) SEXUAL PREDATOR DESIGNATION. -- For a current 7 offense committed on or after October 1, 1996, an offender is designated as a sexual predator as follows: 8 (a)1. An offender who meets the sexual predator 9 10 criteria described in paragraph (4)(c) who is before the court 11 for sentencing for a current offense committed on or after October 1, 1996, is a sexual predator, and the sentencing 12 13 court must make a written finding at the time of sentencing that the offender is a sexual predator, and the clerk of the 14 court shall transmit a copy of the order containing the 15 written finding to the department within 10 days after the 16 17 entry of the order; or 2. If the Department of Corrections, the department, 18 19 or any other law enforcement agency obtains information which 20 indicates that an offender who establishes or maintains a 21 permanent or temporary residence permanently or temporarily resides in this state meets the sexual predator criteria 22 described in paragraph (4)(c) because the offender committed a 23 24 similar violation in another jurisdiction on or after October 1, 1996, the Department of Corrections, the department, or the 25 law enforcement agency shall notify the state attorney of the 26 county where the offender establishes or maintains a permanent 27 28 or temporary residence permanently or temporarily resides of 29 the offender's presence in the community. The state attorney shall file a petition with the criminal division of the 30 31 circuit court for the purpose of holding a hearing to

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1 determine if the offender's criminal record from another 2 jurisdiction meets the sexual predator criteria. If the court 3 finds that the offender meets the sexual predator criteria because the offender has violated a similar law or similar 4 5 laws in another jurisdiction, the court shall make a written б finding that the offender is a sexual predator. 7 8 When the court makes a written finding that an offender is a 9 sexual predator, the court shall inform the sexual predator of 10 the registration and community and public notification 11 requirements described in this section. Within 48 hours of the court designating an offender as a sexual predator, the clerk 12 13 of the circuit court shall transmit a copy of the court's 14 written sexual predator finding to the department. If the offender is sentenced to a term of imprisonment or 15 supervision, a copy of the court's written sexual predator 16 17 finding must be submitted to the Department of Corrections. (b) If a sexual predator is not sentenced to a term of 18 19 imprisonment: 20 1. The clerk of the court shall assure that the sexual predator's fingerprints are taken and forwarded to the 21 department within 48 hours after the court renders its written 22 sexual predator finding; and 23 The court shall order the sexual predator to 24 2. 25 provide to the department a blood specimen for DNA identification purposes, and shall specify the process by 26 27 which the sexual predator must promptly provide the department 28 with the blood specimen. The state attorney may seek an order 29 mandating the appearance of the sexual predator at a date, 30 time, and place certain to provide a blood specimen if it is 31 demonstrated that there is probable cause to believe the

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1 sexual predator has failed to provide a blood sample or if a sample previously provided was insufficient to permit DNA 2 3 identification. An arrest warrant may be issued if the sexual predator fails to appear as mandated. The sexual predator must 4 5 bear all costs of securing the sample. б (c)(b) If the Department of Corrections, the 7 department, or any other law enforcement agency obtains 8 information which indicates that an offender meets the sexual predator criteria but the court did not make a written finding 9 10 that the offender is a sexual predator as required in 11 paragraph (a), the Department of Corrections, the department, or the law enforcement agency shall notify the state attorney 12 who prosecuted the offense for offenders described in 13 14 subparagraph (a)1., or the state attorney of the county where the offender establishes or maintains a residence temporarily 15 or permanently resides upon first entering the state for 16 17 offenders described in subparagraph (a)2. The state attorney shall bring the matter to the court's attention in order to 18 19 establish that the offender meets the sexual predator 20 criteria. If the state attorney fails to establish that an offender meets the sexual predator criteria and the court does 21 not make a written finding that an offender is a sexual 22 predator, the offender is not required to register with the 23 24 department as a sexual predator, and the department and other law enforcement agencies are not authorized to inform the 25 community and the public of the offender's presence. The 26 27 offender must comply with the convicted felon registration requirements under s. 775.13. The Department of Corrections, 28 29 the department, or any other law enforcement agency shall not 30 administratively designate an offender as a sexual predator 31

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1 without a written finding from the court that the offender is 2 a sexual predator. 3 (d) A person who establishes or maintains a residence 4 in this state and who has not been designated as a sexual 5 predator by a court of this state, but who has been designated б as a sexual predator, sexually violent predator, or another 7 sexual offender designation in another state or jurisdiction 8 and was, as a result of such designation, subjected to mandatory registration and to community or public 9 10 notification, shall register in the manner provided in 11 subsection (6) and shall be subject to community or public notification as provided in subsection (7). A person who meets 12 the criteria of this section is subject to the requirements 13 14 and penalty provisions of this section until the person's designation has been removed by the court imposing the 15 16 designation. 17 (6) REGISTRATION.--(a) A sexual predator must register with the 18 19 department by providing the following information to the 20 department: 21 1. Name, social security number, age, race, sex, date of birth, height, weight, hair and eye color, photograph, 22 address of legal residence and, address of any current 23 24 temporary residence, including a rural route address but not a 25 post office box, date and place of any employment, date and place of each conviction, fingerprints, and a brief 26 27 description of the crime or crimes committed by the offender. 28 2. Any other information determined necessary by the 29 department, including criminal and corrections records, 30 nonprivileged personnel, treatment, and abuse registry 31 records, and evidentiary genetic markers when available. 15

1 2 If the sexual predator is in the custody or control of, or 3 under the supervision of, the Department of Corrections, or is 4 in the custody of a private correctional facility or local 5 jail, the sexual predator must register with the Department б of Corrections; and the Department of Corrections shall, as 7 soon as the information is in the agency's database, notify 8 the department that the sexual predator is registered. The custodian of the local jail in which a sexual predator is 9 10 incarcerated shall notify the Department of Corrections that 11 the sexual predator is registered. (b) If the sexual predator is not in the custody or 12 13 control of, or under the supervision of, the Department of Corrections, or is not in the custody of a private 14 correctional facility, and establishes or maintains a 15 residence permanently or temporarily resides in the state, the 16 17 sexual predator shall initially register in person at an office of the department, or at the sheriff's office in the 18 19 county in which the predator establishes or maintains a 20 residence permanently or temporarily resides, within 48 hours after establishing permanent or temporary residence in this 21 state. If a sexual predator registers with the sheriff's 22 office, the sheriff shall take a photograph and a set of 23 24 fingerprints of the predator and forward the photographs and 25 fingerprints to the department, along with the information that the predator is required to provide pursuant to this 26 27 section. 28 Within 48 hours after Subsequent to the initial (C) 29 registration required under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), a 30 sexual predator who is not incarcerated and who resides in the

31 community, including a sexual predator under the supervision

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1 of the Department of Corrections, shall register in person at 2 a driver's license office of the Department of Highway Safety 3 and Motor Vehicles and shall present proof of initial registration within 48 hours after any change in the 4 5 predator's permanent or temporary residence. At the driver's б license office the sexual predator shall: 7 If otherwise qualified, secure a Florida driver's 1. 8 license, renew a Florida driver's license, or secure an identification card. The sexual predator shall identify 9 10 himself or herself as a sexual predator who is required to 11 comply with this section, provide his or her place of permanent or temporary residence, including a rural route 12 13 address but not a post office box, and submit to the taking of 14 a photograph for use in issuing a driver's license, renewed license, or identification card, and for use by the department 15 in maintaining current records of sexual predators. 16 17 2. Pay the costs assessed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for issuing or renewing a driver's 18 19 license or identification card as required by this section. 3. Provide, upon request, any additional information 20 21 necessary to confirm the identity of the sexual predator, including a set of fingerprints. 22 23 (d) Each time a sexual predator's driver's license or 24 identification card is subject to renewal, and within 48 hours 25 after any change of the predator's residence, the predator shall report in person to a driver's license office, 26 27 regardless of whether the predator's residence has changed, 28 and shall be subject to the requirements specified in 29 paragraph (c). The Department of Highway Safety and Motor 30 Vehicles shall forward to the department and to the Department 31 of Corrections all photographs and information provided by 17

1 sexual predators. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth
2 in s. 322.142, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
3 Vehicles is authorized to release a reproduction of a
4 color-photograph or digital-image license to the Department of
5 Law Enforcement for purposes of public notification of sexual
6 predators as provided in this section.

(e) If the sexual predator initially registers at an office of the department, the department must notify the sheriff and the state attorney of the county and, if applicable, the police chief of the municipality, where the sexual predator <u>maintains a residence</u> permanently or temporarily resides within 48 hours after the sexual predator registers with the department.

(f)1. The department is responsible for the on-line 14 maintenance of current information regarding each registered 15 sexual predator. The department must maintain hotline access 16 17 for state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies to obtain instantaneous locator file and offender characteristics 18 19 information on all released registered sexual predators for 20 purposes of monitoring, tracking, and prosecution. The 21 photograph and fingerprints do not have to be stored in a computerized format. 22

23 The department's sexual predator registration list, 2. 24 containing the information described in subparagraph (a)1., is a public record. The department is authorized to disseminate 25 this public information by any means deemed appropriate, 26 27 including operating a toll-free "900" telephone number for 28 this purpose. When the department provides information 29 regarding a registered sexual predator to the public, 30 department personnel must advise the person making the inquiry 31 that positive identification of a person believed to be a

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sexual predator cannot be established unless a fingerprint
 comparison is made, and that it is illegal to use public
 information regarding a registered sexual predator to
 facilitate the commission of a crime.

5 3. The department shall adopt guidelines as necessary 6 regarding the registration of sexual predators and the 7 dissemination of information regarding sexual predators as 8 required by this section.

9 (g) A sexual predator must maintain registration with 10 the department for the duration of his or her life, unless the 11 sexual predator has had his or her civil rights restored, or has received a full pardon or has had a conviction set aside 12 in a postconviction proceeding for any felony sex offense that 13 met the criteria for the sexual predator designation. However, 14 a sexual predator who has been lawfully released from 15 confinement, supervision, or sanction, whichever is later, for 16 17 at least 20 10 years and has not been arrested for any felony 18 or misdemeanor offense since release, may petition the 19 criminal division of the circuit court in the circuit in which 20 the sexual predator resides for the purpose of removing the sexual predator designation. The court may has the discretion 21 to grant or deny such relief if the petitioner demonstrates to 22 the court that he or she has not been arrested for any crime 23 24 since release, the requested relief complies with federal 25 standards applicable to the removal of the designation as a sexual predator, and the court is otherwise satisfied that the 26 27 petitioner is not a current or potential threat to public 28 safety. The state attorney in the circuit in which the 29 petition is filed must be given notice of the petition at 30 least 3 weeks before the hearing on the matter. The state attorney may present evidence in opposition to the requested 31

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1 relief or may otherwise demonstrate the reasons why the petition should be denied. If the court denies the petition, 2 3 the court may set a future date at which the sexual predator 4 may again petition the court for relief, subject to the 5 standards for relief provided in this paragraph. б (7) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. --7 (a) Law enforcement agencies must inform the community 8 and the public of a sexual predator's presence. Upon 9 notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff 10 of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where 11 the sexual predator establishes or maintains a permanent or temporary residence temporarily or permanently resides shall 12 notify the community and the public of the presence of the 13 14 sexual predator in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff or the chief of police. Information provided to the community 15 and the public regarding a sexual predator must include: 16 17 1. The name of the sexual predator; 2. A description of the sexual predator, including a 18 19 photograph; 20 The sexual predator's current address, including 3. the name of the county or municipality if known; 21 The circumstances of the sexual predator's offense 22 4. or offenses; and 23 24 5. Whether the victim of the sexual predator's offense or offenses was, at the time of the offense, a minor or an 25 adult. 26 27 28 This paragraph does not authorize the release of the name of 29 any victim of the sexual predator. 30 (b) The sheriff or the police chief may coordinate the 31 community and public notification efforts with the department. 20

department.

Statewide notification to the public is authorized, as deemed appropriate by local law enforcement personnel and the (c) The department may shall notify the public of all designated sexual predators through the Internet. The

7 paragraph (a). 8 (d) The department shall adopt a protocol to assist 9 law enforcement agencies in their efforts to notify the 10 community and the public of the presence of sexual predators. 11 The department, in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall 12 determine the feasibility of requiring sexual predators to 13 have a special designation on any drivers license, 14 identification card, or license tag issued in this state. 15

Internet notice shall include the information required by

(8) IMMUNITY.--When the court has made a written 16 17 finding that an offender is a sexual predator, an elected or 18 appointed official, public employee, or agency is immune from 19 civil liability for damages resulting from the release of information under this section. 20

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(9) PENALTIES.--

22 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, a sexual predator who fails to register or who fails, after 23 24 registration, to maintain, acquire, or renew a driver's 25 license or identification card or provide required location information, or who otherwise fails, by act or omission, to 26 27 comply with the requirements of this section, commits a felony 28 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 29 775.083, or s. 775.084.

30 (b) A sexual predator who has been convicted of or 31 found to have committed, or has pled nolo contendere or guilty 21

1 to, regardless of adjudication, any violation of s. 794.011(2), (3), (4), (5), or (8), s. 794.023, s. 800.04, s. 2 3 827.071, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145, or of a similar law of another jurisdiction, when the victim of the offense was a 4 5 minor, and who works, whether for compensation or as a 6 volunteer, at any business, school, day care center, park, 7 playground, or other place where children regularly 8 congregate, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 9 10 (c) Any person who misuses public records information 11 relating to sexual predators to secure a payment from a sexual predator; who knowingly distributes or publishes information 12 relating to sexual predators which the person misrepresents as 13 being public records information; or who materially alters 14 public records information, including documents, summaries of 15 public records information provided by law enforcement 16 17 agencies, or public records information displayed by law enforcement agencies on web sites or provided through other 18 19 means of communication, commits a misdemeanor of the first 20 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Section 3. Section 943.043, Florida Statutes, is 21 22 amended to read: 943.043 Toll-free telephone number; sexual-offender 23 24 sex-offender information.--(1) The department shall provide, through a toll-free 25 telephone number, public access to information regarding 26 27 sexual sex offenders which is not confidential or exempt from 28 public disclosure and which is reported to the department by 29 the Department of Corrections as provided in s. 944.607 or by a sexual sex offender as provided in s. 943.0435. 30

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1 (2) The department shall provide to any person, upon 2 request and at a reasonable cost determined by the department, 3 a copy of the photograph of any sexual sex offender or sexual predator which the department maintains in its files and a 4 5 printed summary of the information that is available to the б public under this section. 7 (3) The department, and its personnel, and any 8 individual or entity acting at the bequest or upon the 9 direction of the department are immune from civil liability 10 for damages for good-faith good faith compliance with this 11 section and will shall be presumed to have acted in good faith by reporting information. The presumption of good faith is not 12 13 overcome if technical or clerical errors are made by the department, and its personnel, or any individual or entity 14 acting at the bequest or upon the direction of the department 15 in reporting the information, if the department and its 16 17 personnel are unable to report information because the information has not been provided or reported by a person or 18 19 agency required to provide or report the information to the 20 department, or if the department, and its personnel, or any 21 individual or entity acting at the bequest or upon the direction of the department reports report information that 22 was falsely reported without the knowledge of the department, 23 24 and its personnel, or such individual or entity. 25 Section 4. Section 943.0435, Florida Statutes, is 26 amended to read: 943.0435 Sexual Sex offenders required to report to 27 28 the department; penalty.--29 (1) As used in this section, the term: 30 "Sexual Sex offender" means a person who has been: (a) 31

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1 1. Convicted of committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses 2 3 proscribed in the following statutes in this state or analogous offenses in another jurisdiction: s. 787.01 or s. 4 5 787.02, where the victim is a minor and the defendant is not б the victim's parent; s. 787.025; - chapter 794; or - s. 796.03, 7 s. 800.04, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, 8 s. 847.0145; - or any similar offense committed in this state 9 which has been redesignated from a former statute number to 10 one of those listed in this subparagraph. Conviction of an 11 analogous offense includes, but is not limited to, a conviction by a federal or military tribunal, including a 12 court-martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United 13 States, and includes a conviction in any state of the United 14 15 States. Released on or after October 1, 1997, from the 16 2. 17 sanction imposed for any conviction of an offense described in subparagraph 1. For purposes of subparagraph 1., a sanction 18 19 imposed in this state or in any other jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, a fine, probation, community control, 20 parole, conditional release, control release, or incarceration 21 in a state prison, federal prison, private correctional 22 facility, or local detention facility. 23 24 (b) "Convicted" means the person has been determined 25 guilty as a result of a plea or a trial or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is 26 27 withheld. 28 "Permanent residence" and "temporary residence" (C) 29 have the same meaning ascribed in s. 775.21. 30 (2) A sexual sex offender shall initially report in 31 person at an office of the department, or at the sheriff's 24

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1 office in the county in which the offender establishes or 2 maintains a permanent or temporary residence permanently or 3 temporarily resides, within 48 hours after establishing 4 permanent or temporary residence in this state. A sex offender 5 permanently resides in this state if the offender abides, б lodges, or resides in a place for more than 2 consecutive 7 weeks. A sex offender temporarily resides in this state if the 8 offender abides, lodges, or resides in a place for 2 consecutive weeks or less, excluding a stay of 2 consecutive 9 10 weeks or less at a different residence due to a vacation or an 11 emergency or special circumstance that requires the sex offender to leave his or her place of permanent or temporary 12 residence for 2 weeks or less. The sexual sex offender shall 13 provide his or her name, date of birth, social security 14 number, race, sex, height, weight, hair and eye color, tattoos 15 or other identifying marks, address of permanent or legal 16 residence, or address of any current temporary residence, 17 including a rural route address but not a post office box, 18 19 date and place of each conviction, and a brief description of 20 the crime or crimes committed by the offender. If a sexual sex 21 offender reports at the sheriff's office, the sheriff shall take a photograph and a set of fingerprints of the offender 22 and forward the photographs and fingerprints to the 23 24 department, along with the information provided by the sexual sex offender. 25 (3) Within 48 hours after the Subsequent to the 26 27 initial report required under subsection (2), a sexual sex 28 offender shall report in person at a driver's license office 29 of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 48 hours after any change in the offender's permanent or 31

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temporary residence. At the driver's license office the sexual sex offender shall: (a) If otherwise qualified, secure a Florida driver's license, renew a Florida driver's license, or secure an identification card. The sexual sex offender shall identify himself or herself as a sexual sex offender who is required to comply with this section and shall provide proof that the sexual offender initially reported as required in subsection (2). The sexual sex offender shall provide any of the information specified in subsection (2), if requested. The sexual sex offender shall submit to the taking of a photograph for use in issuing a driver's license, renewed license, or identification card, and for use by the department in maintaining current records of sexual sex offenders. (b) Pay the costs assessed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for issuing or renewing a driver's license or identification card as required by this section. (c) Provide, upon request, any additional information necessary to confirm the identity of the sexual sex offender, including a set of fingerprints. (4) Each time a sexual sex offender's driver's license or identification card is subject to renewal, and within 48 hours after any change in the offender's permanent or

25 <u>temporary residence, the offender shall report in person to a</u> 26 driver's license office, regardless of whether the offender's 27 residence has changed, and shall be subject to the 28 requirements specified in subsection (3). The Department of 29 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall forward to the 30 department all photographs and information provided by <u>sexual</u>

31 sex offenders. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in

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1 s. 322.142, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is authorized to release a reproduction of a 2 3 color-photograph or digital-image license to the Department of 4 Law Enforcement for purposes of public notification of sexual 5 offenders as provided in ss. 943.043, 943.0435, and 944.606. б (5) This section does not apply to a sexual sex 7 offender who is also a sexual predator, as defined in s. 8 775.21. A sexual predator must register as required under s. 775.21. 9 10 (6) A sexual sex offender who does not comply with the 11 requirements of this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or 12 s. 775.084. 13 (7) The department, the Department of Highway Safety 14 15 and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Corrections, and the personnel of those departments, and individuals or entities 16 17 acting at the bequest or upon the direction of any of those departments are immune from civil liability for damages for 18 19 good-faith good faith compliance with the requirements of this 20 section, and shall be presumed to have acted in good faith in compiling, recording, and reporting information. The 21 presumption of good faith is not overcome if a technical or 22 clerical error is made by the department, the Department of 23 24 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of 25 Corrections, or the personnel of those departments, or any individual acting at the bequest or upon the direction of any 26 27 of those departments in compiling or providing information, or 28 if information is incomplete or incorrect because a sexual sex 29 offender fails to report or falsely reports his or her current 30 place of permanent or temporary residence. 31

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1 (8) A sexual offender may petition the court to be 2 relieved from the reporting requirements of this section in 3 the manner provided in s. 775.21(6)(g), subject to the 4 requirements and restrictions of s. 775.21(6)(g). 5 Section 5. Subsection (4) is added to section 944.605, б Florida Statutes, to read: 7 944.605 Inmate release; notice by Department of 8 Corrections, Control Release Authority, or Parole Commission.--9 10 (4) An inmate who refuses to submit to the taking of a 11 digitized photograph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 12 13 775.084. Section 6. Section 944.606, Florida Statutes, is 14 amended to read: 15 944.606 Sexual offenders; notification upon release.--16 17 (1) As used in this section: (a) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt that 18 19 is the result of a plea or a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication 20 is withheld. The term "convicted" means that the person has a 21 22 conviction in his criminal record. "Sexual offender" means a person who has been 23 (b) 24 convicted of a felony violation of s. 787.01 or s. 787.02, 25 where the victim is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's parent, of chapter 794, of s. 787.025, s. 796.03, s. 26 800.04, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, or 27 28 s. 847.0145, or of a violation of a similar law of another 29 jurisdiction, when the department has received verified information regarding such conviction; an offender's 30 31 computerized criminal history record is not, in and of itself, 28

1 verified information. A conviction for a violation of a similar law of another jurisdiction includes, but is not 2 3 limited to, a conviction by a federal or military tribunal, including a court-martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the 4 5 United States, and includes a conviction in any state of the б United States. 7 (2) The Legislature finds that sexual offenders, 8 especially those who have committed their offenses against 9 minors, often pose a high risk of engaging in sexual offenses 10 even after being released from incarceration or commitment and 11 that protection of the public from sexual offenders is a paramount governmental interest. Sexual offenders have a 12 reduced expectation of privacy because of the public's 13 interest in public safety and in the effective operation of 14 government. Releasing sexual offender information to law 15 enforcement agencies and to persons who request such 16 17 information, and releasing such information to the public by a 18 law enforcement agency or public agency, will further the 19 governmental interests of public safety. 20 (3)(a) The department must provide information 21 regarding any sexual offender who is being released after serving a period of incarceration for any offense, as follows: 22 23 1. The department must provide: the sexual offender's 24 name and any alias, if known; the correctional facility from which the sexual offender is released; the sexual offender's 25 social security number, race, sex, date of birth, height, 26 weight, and hair and eye color; date and county of sentence 27 28 and each crime for which the offender was sentenced; a copy of 29 the offender's fingerprints and a digitized photograph taken 30 within 60 days before release; the date of release of the

31 sexual offender; and the offender's intended residence

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1 address, if known. If the sexual offender is in the custody of 2 a private correctional facility or a local jail, the facility 3 or local jail shall take the digitized photograph of the sexual offender within 60 days before the sexual offender's 4 5 release and provide this photograph to the Department of б Corrections and also place it in the sexual offender's file. 7 The custodian of the local jail shall notify the department of 8 the sexual offender's release and provide to the department 9 the information specified in paragraph (a) and any information 10 that the department requests under subparagraph 2. 11 2. The department may provide any other information deemed necessary, including criminal and corrections records, 12 13 nonprivileged personnel and treatment records, when available. (b) The department must provide the information 14 described in subparagraph (a)1. to: 15 The sheriff of the county from where the sexual 16 1. 17 offender was sentenced; 2. The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the 18 19 police chief of the municipality, where the sexual offender 20 plans to reside; The Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and 21 3. 22 4. Any person who requests such information, 23 24 either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a 25 sexual offender, or as soon as possible if an offender is released earlier than anticipated. All such information 26 provided to the Department of Law Enforcement must be 27 28 available electronically as soon as the information is in the 29 agency's database and must be in a format that is compatible 30 with the requirements of the Florida Crime Information Center. 31

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1 (c) Upon request, the department must provide the 2 information described in subparagraph (a)2. to: 3 The sheriff of the county from where the sexual 1. offender was sentenced; and 4 5 The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the 2. б police chief of the municipality, where the sexual offender 7 plans to reside, 8 9 either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a 10 sexual offender, or as soon as possible if an offender is 11 released earlier than anticipated. (d) Upon receiving information regarding a sexual 12 offender from the department, the Department of Law 13 Enforcement, the sheriff or the chief of police shall provide 14 the information described in subparagraph (a)1. to any 15 individual who requests such information and may release the 16 17 information to the public in any manner deemed appropriate, 18 unless the information so received is confidential or exempt 19 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 20 (4) This section authorizes the department or any law 21 enforcement agency to notify the community and the public of a 22 sexual offender's presence in the community. However, with 23 24 respect to a sexual offender who has been found to be a "sexual predator" under chapter 775, the Florida Department of 25 Law Enforcement or any other law enforcement agency must 26 inform the community and the public of the sexual predator's 27 28 presence in the community, as provided in chapter 775. Release 29 of information pursuant to this section does not constitute unauthorized public disclosure of information that relates to 30 31 sexual predators under chapter 775.

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1 (5) An elected or appointed official, public employee, or agency, or any individual or entity acting at the bequest 2 3 or upon the direction of the department, is immune from civil liability for damages resulting from the release of 4 5 information under this section. б Section 7. Section 944.607, Florida Statutes, is 7 amended to read: 8 944.607 Notification to Department of Law Enforcement of information on sexual sex offenders.--9 10 (1) As used in this section, the term: 11 (a) "Sexual Sex offender" means a person who is in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of, the 12 department or is in the custody of a private correctional 13 facility on or after October 1, 1997, as a result of a 14 conviction for committing, or attempting, soliciting, or 15 conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses proscribed 16 17 in the following statutes in this state or analogous offenses in another jurisdiction: s. 787.01 or s. 787.02, where the 18 19 victim is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's 20 parent;s. 787.025;,chapter 794;,s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0145;-21 or any similar offense committed in this state which has been 22 redesignated from a former statute number to one of those 23 24 listed in this paragraph. (b) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt as a 25 result of a plea or trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or 26 nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is 27 28 withheld. 29 (2) A sexual offender, as described in this section, 30 who is under the supervision of the Department of Corrections 31 shall be required to report in the manner provided in s. 32

1 943.0435. The sexual offender must notify his or her probation officer or supervising officer no later than 24 hours after he 2 3 or she reports. (3) (3) (2) In addition to notification and transmittal 4 5 requirements imposed by any other provision of law, the б department shall compile information on any sexual sex 7 offender and provide the information to the Department of Law 8 Enforcement. The information shall be made available electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement as soon as 9 10 this information is in the department's database and must be 11 in a format that is compatible with the requirements of the Florida Crime Information Center. 12 13 (4) (4) (3) The information provided to the Department of 14 Law Enforcement must include: 15 (a) The name of the sexual sex offender and any alias, if known; 16 17 (b) The sexual sex offender's most current address and 18 place of permanent or temporary residence, including the name 19 of the county or municipality in which the offender 20 permanently or temporarily resides and, if known, the intended 21 place of permanent or temporary residence upon satisfaction of all sanctions; 22 23 (c) The legal status of the sexual sex offender, 24 including any special condition or restriction imposed by the 25 sentencing court if the victim is a minor and access to the victim or to other minors is restricted or prohibited, and the 26 27 scheduled termination date of that legal status; (d) The location of, and local telephone number for, 28 29 any office of probation, community control, parole, 30 conditional release, or control release which is responsible 31 for supervising the sexual sex offender; 33

(e) An indication of whether the victim of the offense
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(f) A physical description of the <u>sexual</u> sex offender;
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8 (h) A digitized photograph of the sexual sex offender which must have been taken within 60 days before the offender 9 10 is released from the custody of the department or a private 11 correctional facility by expiration of sentence under s. 944.275 or must have been taken by January 1, 1998, or within 12 13 60 days after the onset of the department's supervision of any 14 sexual sex offender who is on probation, community control, conditional release, parole, provisional release, or control 15 release or who is supervised by the department under the 16 17 Interstate Compact Agreement for Probationers and Parolees. If the sexual sex offender is in the custody of a private 18 19 correctional facility or local jail, the facility or jail shall take a digitized photograph of the sexual sex offender 20 21 within the time period provided in this paragraph and shall 22 provide the photograph to the department. 23 24 If any information provided by the department changes during

11 any information provided by the department changes during the time the <u>sexual</u> sex offender is under the department's control, custody, or supervision, the department shall, within <u>48 hours after the change in information</u>, update the information and provide it to the Department of Law Enforcement in the manner prescribed in subsection (2). <u>(5)(4)</u> The department, and its personnel, and any individual or entity at the behest or upon the direction of

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1 the department are immune from civil liability for damages for good-faith good faith compliance with this section, and shall 2 3 be presumed to have acted in good faith in compiling, recording, and providing information. The presumption of good 4 5 faith is not overcome if technical or clerical errors are made by the department, and its personnel, or any individual or б 7 entity acting at the behest or upon the direction of the 8 department in compiling, recording, or providing information, 9 if the information compiled, recorded, or provided by the department, and its personnel, or any individual or entity 10 11 acting at the behest or upon the direction of the department is incomplete because the information has not been provided to 12 13 the department by a person or agency required to provide the information, or if the department, and its personnel, or any 14 individual or entity acting at the behest or upon the 15 direction of the department compiles, records, or provides 16 17 compile, record, or provide information that was falsely reported without the knowledge of the department, and its 18 19 personnel, or such individual or entity. 20 Section 8. Subsection (4) is added to section 947.177, 21 Florida Statutes, to read: 22 947.177 Inmate release; notice by Department of 23 Corrections, Control Release Authority, or Parole 24 Commission. --25 (4) An inmate who refuses to submit to the taking of a 26 digitized photograph commits a felony of the third degree, 27 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 28 775.084. 29 Section 9. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998. 30 31

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