

By Representative Morroni

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public notices; creating s.  
3           775.212, F.S.; requiring the sheriff or chief  
4           of police of the county or municipality wherein  
5           an offender released from incarceration plans  
6           to reside to notify the public if the offender  
7           is a violent offender; specifying the  
8           information to be provided to the public;  
9           defining the term "violent offender" for  
10          purposes of s. 775.212, F.S., to mean a person  
11          who has been convicted of specified violent  
12          felonies or convicted of an attempt or  
13          conspiracy to commit such felonies; providing  
14          an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Section 775.212, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20           775.212 Public notification of release of violent  
21 offender.--

22           (1) Following notification by the Department of  
23 Corrections, the Control Release Authority, or the Parole  
24 Commission of the pending release from incarceration of an  
25 offender as required under s. 944.605, the sheriff of the  
26 county in which the offender plans to reside or, if the  
27 offender plans to reside within a municipality, the chief of  
28 police of that municipality, shall determine whether the  
29 offender is a violent offender as defined in this section. If  
30 the offender is a violent offender, the sheriff or the chief  
31 of police, as appropriate, shall notify the public of:

- 1       (a) The name of the violent offender;  
2       (b) A description of the violent offender, including a  
3 photograph;  
4       (c) The violent offender's address following release  
5 from incarceration, including the name of the county or  
6 municipality; and  
7       (d) The circumstances of the offense or offenses  
8 committed by the violent offender.  
9       (2) This section does not authorize the release of the  
10 name of any victim of the violent offender.  
11       (3) As used in this section, the term "violent  
12 offender" means an offender who has been convicted of a  
13 felony, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a felony, and  
14 one or more of such convictions was for:  
15       (a) Arson.  
16       (b) Sexual battery.  
17       (c) Robbery.  
18       (d) Kidnapping.  
19       (e) Aggravated child abuse.  
20       (f) Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled  
21 adult.  
22       (g) Aggravated assault.  
23       (h) Murder.  
24       (i) Manslaughter.  
25       (j) Aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or  
26 disabled adult.  
27       (k) Aggravated manslaughter of a child.  
28       (l) Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a  
29 destructive device or bomb.  
30       (m) Armed burglary.  
31       (n) Aggravated battery.

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(o) Aggravated stalking.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where a violent offender who is released from incarceration plans to reside to notify the public of the name, address, and description of the violent offender and the circumstances of the offense committed by the violent offender. Defines the term "violent offender" to mean an offender who has been convicted of committing, or attempting or conspiring to commit, one or more specified violent felonies.