

By the Committee on Crime & Punishment and Representatives
Lacasa and Hart

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to evidence; providing that
3 evidence of voluntary intoxication is not
4 admissible for certain purposes; providing an
5 exception; providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Voluntary intoxication; not a defense;
10 evidence not admissible for certain purposes;
11 exception.--Voluntary intoxication resulting from the
12 consumption, injection, or other use of alcohol or other
13 controlled substance as described in chapter 893, Florida
14 Statutes, is not a defense to any offense proscribed by law.
15 Evidence of a defendant's voluntary intoxication is not
16 admissible to show that the defendant lacked the specific
17 intent to commit an offense and is not admissible to show that
18 the defendant was insane at the time of the offense, except
19 when the consumption, injection, or use of a controlled
20 substance under chapter 893, Florida Statutes, was pursuant to
21 a lawful prescription issued to the defendant by a
22 practitioner as defined in s. 893.02, Florida Statutes.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.
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