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HB 389

By Representatives Lerner, Heyman, Needelman, McGriff, Jennings, Bennett, Trovillion, Russell, Kosmas, Justice, Stansel, Kendrick, Kravitz, Flanagan, Spratt, Alexander, Argenziano, Littlefield, Baxley, Prieguez, Peterman, Romeo, (Additional Sponsors on Last Printed Page) 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to manslaughter; amending s. 3 782.07, F.S.; providing that a person who causes the death of a law enforcement officer 4 or firefighter through culpable negligence 5 commits the offense of aggravated manslaughter; 6 7 providing an enhanced penalty; providing an 8 effective date. 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Section 782.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 13 14 782.07 Manslaughter; aggravated manslaughter of an 15 elderly person or disabled adult; aggravated manslaughter of a child; aggravated manslaughter of a law enforcement officer or 16 17 firefighter.--18 (1) The killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or culpable negligence of another, without lawful 19 20 justification according to the provisions of chapter 776 and in cases in which such killing shall not be excusable homicide 21 22 or murder, according to the provisions of this chapter, is 23 manslaughter, a felony of the second degree, punishable as 24 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 25 (2) A person who causes the death of any elderly person or disabled adult by culpable negligence under s. 26 27 825.102(3) commits aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, a felony of the first degree, 28 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 29 775.084. 30 31

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A person who causes the death of any person under (3) the age of 18 by culpable negligence under s. 827.03(3) commits aggravated manslaughter of a child, a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. (4) A person who causes the death of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter through culpable negligence commits aggravated manslaughter of a law enforcement officer, a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. SENATE SUMMARY Provides that it is aggravated manslaughter and a first-degree felony for a person to cause the death of a law enforcement officer or firefighter through culpable negligence. ADDITIONAL SPONSORS Bendross-Mindingall, Kallinger, Baker, Jordan, Meadows, Ball, Gannon, Gottlieb, Evers, Kilmer and Maygarden 

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