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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to criminal liability for failure to
 report a crime; creating s. 877.31, F.S.; creating the
 "Nicholas Isaac Cordero Act"; requiring a person who knows
 that a crime is being committed to report the crime to a
 law enforcement officer, under specified circumstances, if
 the crime exposes the victim to serious bodily injury
 likely to cause death; providing penalties; providing
 exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 877.31, Florida Statutes, is created to
 read:

877.31 Legal duty to report a crime exposing the victim to
 serious bodily injury likely to cause death; penalties for
 failure to report; exceptions.--

(1) This section may be referred to by the popular name
 the "Nicholas Isaac Cordero Act."

(2) A person who knows that a crime is being committed
 which exposes the victim to serious bodily injury likely to
 cause death must report the crime to a law enforcement officer
 within 48 hours after the offense is committed to the extent
 that the report can be made without danger to the person
 reporting or to another person. Any person who violates this
 subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3) This section does not apply to a person who is:

(a) Prosecuted as a principal in the first degree or as an
 accessory after the fact to an offense;



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31 (b) Prosecuted for attempting, soliciting, or conspiring
32 to commit an offense, when the prosecuted offense occurred in
33 the course of the same criminal conduct, transaction, or episode
34 as the criminal offense that exposed the victim to serious
35 bodily injury;

36 (c) Related by blood or marriage to the principal or
37 victim of an episode that exposes the victim to serious bodily
38 injury; or

39 (d) A victim of serious bodily injury.

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