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HB 0125, Engrossed 1

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to accessories to a crime; providing a
3	popular name; amending s. 777.03, F.S.; limiting the
4	provision that exempts certain members of an offender's
5	family from being charged with the offense of acting as an
6	accessory after the fact to circumstances involving third
7	degree felony offenses; providing an effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Jason A. Gucwa
12	<u>Act."</u>
13	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 777.03, Florida
14	Statutes, is amended to read:
15	777.03 Accessory after the fact
16	(1)(a) Any person not standing in the relation of husband
17	or wife, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild, brother or
18	sister, by consanguinity or affinity to the offender, who
19	maintains or assists the principal or accessory before the fact,
20	or gives the offender any other aid, knowing that the offender
21	had committed a <u>crime and such crime was a third degree</u> felony <u>,</u>
22	or <u>had</u> been <u>an</u> accessory thereto before the fact, with <u>the</u>
23	intent that the offender avoids or escapes detection, arrest,
24	trial, or punishment, is an accessory after the fact.
25	(b) Any person, regardless of the relation to the
26	offender, who maintains or assists the principal or accessory
27	before the fact, or gives the offender any other aid, knowing
28	that the offender had committed the offense of child abuse,
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29 neglect of a child, aggravated child abuse, aggravated 30 manslaughter of a child under 18 years of age, or murder of a 31 child under 18 years of age, or had been <u>an</u> accessory thereto 32 before the fact, with the intent that the offender avoids or 33 escapes detection, arrest, trial, or punishment, is an accessory 34 after the fact unless the court finds that the person is a 35 victim of domestic violence.

36 (c) Any person who maintains or assists the principal or 37 accessory before the fact, or gives the offender any other aid, 38 knowing that the offender had committed a crime and such crime 39 was a first or second degree felony, or had been an accessory 40 thereto before the fact, with the intent that the offender 41 avoids or escapes detection, arrest, trial, or punishment, is an 42 accessory after the fact.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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