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11 The Committee on Criminal Justice (Crist) recommended the  
12 following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 2, lines 1-15, delete those lines

17 and insert:

18 (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term "gives  
19 false information" includes knowingly and willfully claiming  
20 homestead exemption on a home that has been paid for by the  
21 claimant, in whole or in part, with funds obtained by the  
22 unlawful commission of a fraudulent act.

23 1. If the assessed value of the homestead is at least  
24 \$200,000 but less than 500,000, a violation of this paragraph  
25 is a felony of the third degree;

26 2. If the assessed value of the homestead is at least  
27 \$500,000 but less than \$1.5 million, a violation of this  
28 paragraph is a felony of the second degree; or

29 3. If the assessed value of the homestead is at least  
30 \$1.5 million, a violation of this paragraph is a felony of the  
31 first degree;

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punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(b) The Department of Revenue shall amend the exemption application forms, according to rule, to the extent necessary to implement this subsection no later than October 1, 2005.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 1, lines 5-7, delete those lines

and insert:

applicable to a claimant who knowingly and willfully gives false information for the purpose of claiming homestead exemption if the funds for the homestead were obtained by the unlawful commission of a fraudulent act;