

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to accessories to a crime; providing a
 3 short title; 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; specifying additional actions that
 8 constitute being an accessory after the fact, for which
 9 penalties are provided; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Jason A. Gucwa
 14 Act."

15 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 777.03, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 777.03 Accessory after the fact.--

18 (1)(a) Any person not standing in the relation of husband
 19 or wife, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild, brother or
 20 sister, by consanguinity or affinity to the offender, who
 21 maintains or assists the principal or an accessory before the
 22 fact, or gives the offender any other aid, knowing that the
 23 offender had committed a crime and such crime was a third degree
 24 felony, or had been an accessory thereto before the fact, with
 25 the intent that the offender avoids or escapes detection,
 26 arrest, trial or punishment, is an accessory after the fact.

27 (b) Any person, ~~regardless of the relation to the~~
 28 ~~offender,~~ who maintains or assists the principal or accessory

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29 | before the fact, or gives the offender any other aid, knowing
30 | that the offender had committed the offense of child abuse,
31 | neglect of a child, aggravated child abuse, aggravated
32 | manslaughter of a child under 18 years of age, or murder of a
33 | child under 18 years of age, or had been an accessory thereto
34 | before the fact, with the intent that the offender avoids or
35 | escapes detection, arrest, trial, or punishment, is an accessory
36 | after the fact unless the court finds that the person is a
37 | victim of domestic violence.

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

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