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2 An act relating to accessories to a crime;
3 providing a short title; amending s. 777.03,
4 F.S.; limiting the provision that exempts
5 certain members of an offender's family from
6 being charged with the offense of acting as an
7 accessory after the fact to circumstances
8 involving third-degree felony offenses;
9 specifying additional actions that constitute
10 being an accessory after the fact, for which
11 penalties are provided; providing an effective
12 date.

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

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16 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Jason A.
17 Gucwa Act."

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

20 777.03 Accessory after the fact.--

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

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1 (b) Any person, ~~regardless of the relation to the~~
2 ~~offender,~~ who maintains or assists the principal or accessory
3 before the fact, or gives the offender any other aid, knowing
4 that the offender had committed the offense of child abuse,
5 neglect of a child, aggravated child abuse, aggravated
6 manslaughter of a child under 18 years of age, or murder of a
7 child under 18 years of age, or had been an accessory thereto
8 before the fact, with the intent that the offender avoids or
9 escapes detection, arrest, trial, or punishment, is an
10 accessory after the fact unless the court finds that the
11 person is a victim of domestic violence.

12 (c) Any person who maintains or assists the principal
13 or an accessory before the fact, or gives the offender any
14 other aid, knowing that the offender had committed a crime and
15 such crime was a capital, life, first-degree, or second-degree
16 felony, or had been an accessory thereto before the fact, with
17 the intent that the offender avoids or escapes detection,
18 arrest, trial, or punishment, is an accessory after the fact.

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

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