

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 3/5/2008

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Dockery) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 782.065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer.—Notwithstanding s. 775.082, s. 775.0823, s, 782.04, s. 782.051, or chapter 921, a defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life without eligibility for early release upon findings by the factfinder beyond a reasonable doubt that:

(1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence is not imposed,

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murder in the second or third degree in violation of s. 782.04(2), (3), or (4), attempted murder in the first or second degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or s. 782.04(2), or attempted felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; and

(2) The victim of the offense described in subsection (1) is a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement officer, or auxiliary law enforcement officer, as those terms are defined in s. 943.10, engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to murder of law enforcement officers; creating s. 782.065, F.S.; providing that a defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life without eligibility for early release upon findings beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed a specified murder offense against a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement officer, or auxiliary law enforcement officer engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty; providing an effective date.

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