

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to murder of law enforcement officers;  
 3           creating s. 782.065, F.S.; providing a minimum mandatory  
 4           sentence for certain offenses; providing an effective  
 5           date.

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

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

11           782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer.--Notwithstanding  
 12          s. 775.082, s. 775.0823, s. 782.04, s. 782.051, and chapter 921,  
 13          a defendant shall be sentenced to life imprisonment without  
 14          eligibility for release upon findings by the trier of fact that,  
 15          beyond a reasonable doubt:

16           (1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in  
 17          violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence was not imposed;  
 18          murder in the second or third degree in violation of s.  
 19          782.04(2), (3), or (4); attempted murder in the first or second  
 20          degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or (2); or attempted  
 21          felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; and

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

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