

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to false reports to law enforcement
 3 officers; amending s. 837.05, F.S.; increasing
 4 criminal penalties for a second or subsequent
 5 conviction of providing false information to a law
 6 enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission
 7 of a crime; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 837.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 12 read:

13 837.05 False reports to law enforcement authorities.—

14 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who
 15 ~~whoever~~ knowingly gives false information to a ~~any~~ law
 16 enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of any
 17 crime, commits:

18 (a) For a first offense resulting in conviction, a
 19 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
 20 775.082 or s. 775.083.

21 (b) For a second or subsequent offense resulting in
 22 conviction, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided
 23 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

24 (2) A person who ~~whoever~~ knowingly gives false information
 25 to a law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission
 26 of a capital felony, commits a felony of the third degree,
 27 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.