

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to false reports to law enforcement  
 3           officers; amending s. 837.05, F.S.; providing that it  
 4           is a third degree felony to knowingly give false  
 5           information to a law enforcement officer concerning  
 6           the alleged commission of a crime if the defendant has  
 7           previously been convicted of this offense and the  
 8           information, if communicated orally, is corroborated  
 9           in a specified manner, or was communicated in writing;  
 10          providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Section 837.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 15           read:

16           837.05 False reports to law enforcement authorities.—

17           (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or subsection  
 18           (2), a person who ~~whoever~~ knowingly gives false information to a  
 19           ~~any~~ law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of  
 20           any crime, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
 21           as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

22           (b) A person who commits a violation of paragraph (a)  
 23           commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
 24           s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person has  
 25           previously been convicted of a violation of paragraph (a) and  
 26           subparagraph 1. or 2. applies:

27           1. The information the person gave to the law enforcement  
 28           officer was communicated orally and the officer's account of

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29 | that information is corroborated by:

30 |       a. An audio recording or audio recording in a video of  
31 | that information;

32 |       b. A written or recorded statement made by the person who  
33 | gave that information; or

34 |       c. Another person who was present when that person gave  
35 | that information to the officer and heard that information.

36 |       2. The information the person gave to the law enforcement  
37 | officer was communicated in writing.

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

42 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.