

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to hearsay; amending s. 90.803, F.S.;

3 providing that certain statements regarding an act of

4 domestic violence are an exception to the hearsay rule

5 and thus admissible at a court hearing or trial;

6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (25) is added to section 90.803,

11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 90.803 Hearsay exceptions; availability of declarant

13 immaterial.—The provision of s. 90.802 to the contrary

14 notwithstanding, the following are not inadmissible as evidence,

15 even though the declarant is available as a witness:

16 (25) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—A statement describing any act of

17 domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, that was made to

18 enable law enforcement to respond to an ongoing emergency.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.