

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Detert

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hearsay; amending s. 90.803, F.S.;
3 providing that certain statements are an exception to
4 the hearsay rule and thus admissible; providing an
5 effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Subsection (25) is added to section 90.803,
10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11 90.803 Hearsay exceptions; availability of declarant
12 immaterial.—The provision of s. 90.802 to the contrary
13 notwithstanding, the following are not inadmissible as evidence,
14 even though the declarant is available as a witness:

15 (25) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—A statement describing any act of
16 domestic violence, as such is defined in s. 741.28, that was
17 made to enable law enforcement assistance to meet an ongoing
18 emergency.

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