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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Diaz de la Portilla) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 501.180, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

501.180 Safe-haven facilities.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "safe-haven facility"
means a public local government building approved by the local
governmental body to be used by the public for the purpose of



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11 conducting a sales transaction involving an item or a service
12 that was offered for sale on a classified advertisement website.

13 (2) Local governmental bodies may designate at least:

14 (a) One safe-haven facility in each county with a
15 population of less than 250,000 residents.

16 (b) Two safe-haven facilities in each county with at least
17 250,000 but less than 800,000 residents.

18 (c) Four safe-haven facilities in each county with 800,000
19 or more residents.

20 (3) A safe-haven facility must be easily accessible so that
21 an individual is not discouraged from using the location. A
22 local governmental body may approve the use of a public local
23 government building, such as a sheriff's office or a county
24 courthouse, to serve as a safe-haven facility.

25 (4) A local governmental entity, or its officers,
26 employees, or agents, that provides a safe-haven facility is not
27 responsible for overseeing the sales transaction and is not
28 otherwise liable for the actions of the parties involved in the
29 transaction or nonparties present at the transaction.

30 (5) An action may not be initiated on a claim against the
31 state or local government or any of its agencies or subdivisions
32 based on an incident that occurs during a sales transaction at a
33 safe-haven facility involving an individual who is not an
34 officer, employee, or agent of the state or local government or
35 of its agencies or subdivisions.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Delete everything before the enacting clause
41 and insert:

42 A bill to be entitled
43 An act relating to classified advertisement websites;
44 creating s. 501.180, F.S.; defining the term "safe-
45 haven facility"; authorizing local governmental bodies
46 to designate a specified number of safe-haven
47 facilities in each county based upon population size;
48 authorizing a local governmental body to approve the
49 use of local government buildings to serve as safe-
50 haven facilities; limiting the liability of any local
51 governmental entity that provides a safe-haven
52 facility; limiting actions against the state or local
53 government related to transactions taking place at a
54 safe-haven facility; providing an effective date.

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56 WHEREAS, there have been a number of cases throughout this
57 state in which people selling cellphones, computers, or other
58 valuable goods through classified advertisement websites have
59 been targeted by criminals who intended to rob them when they
60 met to exchange goods for cash, and

61 WHEREAS, even when the victims of these crimes select
62 public and populated locations for the transactions that they
63 feel are safe, such as shopping centers or parks, they still
64 fall prey to these criminals, and

65 WHEREAS, identifying locations to serve as safe havens for
66 transactions related to classified advertisement websites will
67 deter these crimes and provide greater safety throughout the
68 state, NOW, THEREFORE,