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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/23/2021 House

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 39 - 75

and insert:

(2) (a) Except pursuant to criminal discovery or as provided in paragraph (b), a person who <u>knowingly and willfully attempts</u> <u>to obtain, obtains, or</u> discloses a privileged communication, or protected information, or any information concerning a privileged communication or protected information commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.

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| 11 | 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.                                      |
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| 12 | (b) This subsection does not apply to:                                   |
| 13 | 1. The person who provides the privileged communication or               |
| 14 | protected information; <del>or</del>                                     |
| 15 | 2. An employee, board member, or volunteer of a crime                    |
| 16 | stoppers organization while acting in the course and scope of            |
| 17 | the person's duties or functions;  |
| 18 | 3.2. A law enforcement officer or an employee of a law                   |
| 19 | enforcement agency or the Department of Legal Affairs when he or         |
| 20 | she is acting within the scope of his or her official duties <u>;</u>    |
| 21 | <u>or</u> .  |
| 22 | 4. A person complying with criminal discovery rules.                     |
| 23 | (c) This subsection does not limit the right of any                      |
| 24 | criminal defendant to criminal discovery.                                |
| 25 | (3) A person who, in the course and scope of his or her                  |
| 26 | duties or functions receives, forwards, or acts on a privileged          |
| 27 | communication is immune from civil liability for damages                 |
| 28 | resulting from an act or omission in the performance of his or           |
| 29 | her duties or functions unless the act or omission was                   |
| 30 | intentional or grossly negligent.  |
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| 32 | ========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ================================= |
| 33 | And the title is amended as follows:                                     |
| 34 | Delete lines 4 - 12  |
| 35 | and insert:  |
| 36 | F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly and                            |
| 37 | willfully attempting to obtain, obtaining, or                            |
| 38 | disclosing a privileged communication or protected                       |
| 39 | information; providing a penalty; providing an                           |
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40 exemption from criminal liability for employees, board 41 members, or volunteers of crime stoppers organization 42 in certain circumstances; providing immunity from 43 civil liability for certain actions by specified 44 persons concerning privileged communications;