

By Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to traveling across county lines with  
3 intent to commit a felony; amending s. 843.22, F.S.;  
4 defining the term "felony offense"; providing for  
5 reclassification of certain felony offenses when the  
6 person who commits the offense crosses a county line  
7 with specified intent; removing the requirement for  
8 reclassification that an offender's travel be for the  
9 purpose of thwarting law enforcement attempts to track  
10 stolen items; 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 843.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16 843.22 Traveling across county lines with intent to commit  
17 a felony burglary.—

18 (1) As used in this section, the term:

19 (a) "County of residence" means the county within this  
20 state in which a person resides. Evidence of a person's county  
21 of residence includes, but is not limited to:

22 1. The address on a person's driver license or state  
23 identification card;

24 2. Records of real property or mobile home ownership;

25 3. Records of a lease agreement for residential property;

26 4. The county in which a person's motor vehicle is  
27 registered;

28 5. The county in which a person is enrolled in an  
29 educational institution; and

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30 6. The county in which a person is employed.

31 (b) "Felony offense" means a felony violation of any of the  
32 following:

33 1. "Burglary," means burglary as defined in s. 810.02.

34 2. Grand theft, as prohibited under s. 812.014.

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36 For purposes of this paragraph, the term includes ~~including~~ an  
37 attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit such offense.

38 (2) If a person who commits a felony offense ~~burglary~~  
39 travels any distance with the intent to commit the felony  
40 offense ~~burglary~~ in a county in this state other than the  
41 person's county of residence, the degree of the felony offense  
42 ~~burglary~~ shall be reclassified to the next higher degree ~~if the~~  
43 ~~purpose of the person's travel is to thwart law enforcement~~  
44 ~~attempts to track the items stolen in the burglary.~~ For purposes  
45 of sentencing under chapter 921 and determining incentive gain-  
46 time eligibility under chapter 944, a felony offense ~~burglary~~  
47 that is reclassified under this section is ranked one level  
48 above the ranking specified in s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 for  
49 the felony offense ~~burglary~~ committed.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.