

By Senator Hooper

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to offenses against firefighters;  
3           amending s. 782.065, F.S.; providing enhanced  
4           penalties for certain offenses committed against  
5           firefighters engaged in the performance of their  
6           lawful duties; 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. Section 782.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
11   read:

12           782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer, correctional  
13   officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter.—  
14   Notwithstanding ss. 775.082, 775.0823, 782.04, 782.051, and  
15   chapter 921, a defendant shall be sentenced to life imprisonment  
16   without eligibility for release upon findings by the trier of  
17   fact that, beyond a reasonable doubt:

18           (1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in  
19   violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence was not imposed;  
20   murder in the second or third degree in violation of s.  
21   782.04(2), (3), or (4); attempted murder in the first or second  
22   degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or (2); or attempted  
23   felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; and

24           (2) The victim of any offense described in subsection (1)  
25   was a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement  
26   officer, auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional  
27   officer, part-time correctional officer, auxiliary correctional  
28   officer, correctional probation officer, part-time correctional  
29   probation officer, or auxiliary correctional probation officer,

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30 as those terms are defined in s. 943.10, or was a firefighter as  
31 defined in s. 633.102, engaged in the lawful performance of a  
32 legal duty.

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