

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Joseph offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 172 and 173, insert:

Section 3. Section 921.1425, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

921.1425 Guilty pleas in exchange for life without parole for capital defendants; sentencing proceedings.-

(1) If a defendant in a prosecution for which a sentence of death is sought under s. 921.141 or s. 921.142 offers to plead guilty to the offense in exchange for a sentence of life without the possibility of parole, the prosecution must accept such an offer and the court shall impose such a sentence.

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14 (2) Before a sentence is imposed under this section, the
15 court must provide the opportunity for victims or next of kin to
16 make statements to the court as provided in s. 921.143.

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20 Remove line 22 and insert:
21 applicable; creating s. 921.1425, F.S.; requiring the court
22 to accept offers to plead guilty in exchange for a sentence
23 of life without the possibility of parole in certain
24 circumstances; providing for testimony by victims or next
25 of kin; providing an effective date.