

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to arrest and detention of individuals
 3 with significant medical conditions; creating s.
 4 901.1501, F.S.; defining the term "person with a
 5 significant medical condition"; providing that a law
 6 enforcement officer may use his or her discretion in
 7 determining whether to make an immediate arrest of
 8 such person; providing construction; providing an
 9 effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 **Section 1. Section 901.1501, Florida Statutes, is created**
 14 **to read:**

15 901.1501 Immediate arrest of a person with a significant
 16 medical condition.—

17 (1) As used in this section, the term "person with a
 18 significant medical condition" means a person who is a patient
 19 or resident of a hospital licensed under chapter 395, a nursing
 20 home facility licensed under part II of chapter 400, or an
 21 assisted living facility licensed under part I of chapter 429.

22 (2) In determining whether to make an immediate arrest of
 23 a person with a significant medical condition, including an
 24 arrest for an offense committed against an elderly person or a
 25 disabled adult, a law enforcement officer may use his or her

26 | discretion based on the totality of the circumstances, including
27 | consideration of whether the person is a current or continued
28 | threat to public safety or himself or herself or a flight risk,
29 | and may consider all available lawful methods of making an
30 | arrest, including seeking an arrest warrant under s. 901.02.

31 | (3) This section does not prohibit a law enforcement
32 | officer from arresting a person without a warrant under s.
33 | 901.15, or making such an arrest by any lawful method.

34 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.