

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to a rebuttable presumption for
 3 certain deaths; creating s. 782.073, F.S.; creating a
 4 rebuttable presumption that the death of an alleged
 5 victim was the result of a controlled substance under
 6 specified circumstances; 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 782.073, Florida Statutes, is created**
 11 **to read:**

12 782.073 Presence of controlled substance in toxicology
 13 report.—There is created a rebuttable presumption in favor of
 14 the defense that the death of an alleged victim was the result
 15 of a controlled substance if:

16 (1) The defendant is charged with murder in the second
 17 degree pursuant to s. 782.04(2) or manslaughter pursuant to s.
 18 782.07(1); and

19 (2) A forensic toxicology report indicates that a Schedule
 20 I controlled substance under s. 893.03(1) was present in the
 21 alleged victim at the time of death.

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