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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to unlawful distribution of controlled 3 substances resulting in death; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; revising the elements that constitute the felony 4 5 offense of murder in the third degree; providing an 6 effective date. 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 10 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 782.04, Florida 11 Statutes, is amended to read: 12 782.04 Murder.-13 (4) The unlawful killing of a human being, when 14 perpetrated without any design to effect death, by a person engaged in the perpetration of, or in the attempt to perpetrate, 15 16 any felony other than any: 17 (a) Trafficking offense prohibited by s. 893.135(1), 18 (b) Arson, 19 (C) Sexual battery, 20 (d) Robbery, 21 Burglary, (e) 22 Kidnapping, (f) 23 (g) Escape, 24 (h) Aggravated child abuse, 25 (i) Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled

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26	adult,
27	(j) Aircraft piracy,
28	(k) Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
29	destructive device or bomb,
30	(l) Unlawful distribution of any substance listed in sub-
31	subparagraphs (1)(a)3.aj. by a person 18 years of age or
32	older, when such substance is proven to have caused, or is
33	proven to have been a substantial factor in producing, the death
34	of the user,
35	(m) Carjacking,
36	(n) Home-invasion robbery,
37	(o) Aggravated stalking,
38	(p) Murder of another human being,
39	(q) Aggravated fleeing or eluding with serious bodily
40	injury or death,
41	(r) Resisting an officer with violence to his or her
42	person, or
43	(s) Felony that is an act of terrorism or is in
44	furtherance of an act of terrorism, including a felony under s.
45	775.30, s. 775.32, s. 775.33, s. 775.34, or s. 775.35,
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47	is murder in the third degree and constitutes a felony of the
48	second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
49	or s. 775.084.
50	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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