

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Burgess

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to murder; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; creating the offense of murder in the third degree; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (5) of section 782.04, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

782.04 Murder.—

(5) The unlawful killing of a human being, when perpetrated without any design to effect death, by a person engaged in the perpetration of, or in the attempt to perpetrate, the unlawful distribution of any substance listed in sub-subparagraphs (1)(a)3.a.-j. by a person younger than 18 years of age, when such substance is proven to have caused or is proven to have been a substantial factor in producing the death of the user, is murder in the third degree and constitutes a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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