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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to combatting illegal immigration;

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amending s. 775.0848, F.S.; requiring the penalty reclassification of certain crimes committed after unlawful reentry into the United States; providing for

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

severability; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Section 775.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.0848 Commission of a <u>misdemeanor or</u> felony after unlawful reentry into the United States; reclassification.—A person who has been previously convicted of a crime relating to the reentry of removed aliens under 8 U.S.C. s. 1326 shall have the penalty for committing a <u>misdemeanor or</u> felony committed after such conviction reclassified in the following manner:

- (1) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a felony of the third degree.
- (3) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a felony of the second degree.
- $\underline{(4)}$ A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a felony of the first degree.

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 $\underline{\text{(5)}}$ (3) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life felony.

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Section 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.