

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to offenses against firefighters;  
 3           amending s. 782.065, F.S.; providing enhanced  
 4           penalties for certain offenses committed against  
 5           firefighters engaged in the performance of their  
 6           lawful duties; 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 782.065, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 11       to read:

12       782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer, correctional  
 13       officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter.-  
 14       Notwithstanding ss. 775.082, 775.0823, 782.04, 782.051, and  
 15       chapter 921, a defendant shall be sentenced to life imprisonment  
 16       without eligibility for release upon findings by the trier of  
 17       fact that, beyond a reasonable doubt:

18       (1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in  
 19       violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence was not imposed;  
 20       murder in the second or third degree in violation of s.  
 21       782.04(2), (3), or (4); attempted murder in the first or second  
 22       degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or (2); or attempted  
 23       felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; and

24       (2) The victim of any offense described in subsection (1)  
 25       was a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement

26 | officer, auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional  
27 | officer, part-time correctional officer, auxiliary correctional  
28 | officer, correctional probation officer, part-time correctional  
29 | probation officer, or auxiliary correctional probation officer,  
30 | as those terms are defined in s. 943.10, or firefighter, as  
31 | defined in s. 633.102, engaged in the lawful performance of a  
32 | legal duty.

33 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.