

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to false reports to law enforcement  
 3           officers; amending s. 837.05, F.S.; increasing  
 4           criminal penalties for a second or subsequent  
 5           conviction of providing false information to a law  
 6           enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission  
 7           of a crime; providing an effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Section 837.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 12           read:

13           837.05 False reports to law enforcement authorities.—

14           (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who  
 15           ~~whoever~~ knowingly gives false information to a ~~any~~ law  
 16           enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of any  
 17           crime, commits:

18           (a) For a first offense resulting in conviction, a  
 19           misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
 20           775.082 or s. 775.083.

21           (b) For a second or subsequent offense resulting in  
 22           conviction, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided  
 23           in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

24           (2) A person who ~~whoever~~ knowingly gives false information  
 25           to a law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission  
 26           of a capital felony, commits a felony of the third degree,  
 27           punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.