

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 947 — Possession of a Firearm or Destructive Device During the Commission of an Offense

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Boyd and others
(CS/SB 1272 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Latvala)

The bill provides that an offender who is before the court for sentencing on a conviction of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and who has a prior conviction for committing or attempting to commit the following listed offenses, during which time he or she possessed a firearm or destructive device, is subject to the 10 year mandatory sentence under s. 775.087(2)(a)1., F.S.

The felony offenses that comprise the listed prior conviction offenses referred to above are:

- Arson;
- Sexual battery;
- Robbery;
- Kidnapping;
- Aggravated child abuse;
- Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon;
- Murder;
- Manslaughter;
- Aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- Aggravated manslaughter of a child;
- Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb;
- Armed burglary;
- Aggravated battery; or
- Aggravated stalking.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0