

By Representative Fasano

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to husband and wife; creating
3 s. 741.2105, F.S.; prohibiting marriages
4 between persons when one of the persons has
5 been convicted of a capital felony for which a
6 death sentence has been imposed; providing an
7 exception; 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 741.2105, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 741.2105 Short title; certain marriages prohibited.--

14 (1) Short title.--This section may be cited as the
15 "Terry Lynn Matthews Act."

16 (2) Certain marriages prohibited.--No person may marry
17 another person when one of the parties to the proposed
18 marriage has been convicted of a capital felony and a death
19 sentence has been imposed with respect to such capital felony.
20 A marriage otherwise prohibited under this section shall be
21 authorized if a county court judge of any county in this
22 state, in his or her discretion, issues a marriage license to
23 such persons.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
25 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the "Terry Lynn Matthews Act" which prohibits a marriage between two persons if one of the persons has been convicted of a capital felony and a death sentence has been imposed with respect to such capital felony. Authorizes county court judges to make exceptions to such a prohibition.