          By Representative Sobel

 1   A bill to be entitled

 2   An act relating to writs of bodily attachment;

 3   amending s. 61.11, F.S.; authorizing necessary

 4   and reasonable force to enter buildings or

 5   property to execute a writ of bodily

 6   attachment; specifying absence of civil or

 7   criminal liability in executing a writ of

 8   bodily attachment; providing an effective date.

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

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12   Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 61.11,

13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14   61.11 Writs.--

15   (3)(a) If any law enforcement officer fails to gain

16 admittance to any building or property after she or he has

17 announced her or his authority and purpose in order to execute

18 a writ of bodily attachment, the officer may use all necessary

19 and reasonable force to enter the building or property where

20 the person who is the subject of the writ is or is reasonably

21 believed to be.

22   (b) The execution of a writ of bodily attachment by a

23 law enforcement officer, if done in compliance with this

24 subsection, shall not render such law enforcement officer

25 criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false

26 imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

27   Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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2   HOUSE SUMMARY

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     Authorizes law enforcement officers to use necessary and
4   reasonable force to enter buildings or property to
     execute a writ of bodily attachment. Specifies absence of
5   civil or criminal liability for law enforcement officers
     in lawfully executing a writ of bodily attachment.
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