By Senator Latvala

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to possession of a firearm or
destructive device during the commission of an
offense; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing that an
exception to the 10-year minimum term for persons
convicted of certain offenses during which the person
actually possessed a firearm or destructive device
does not to apply to offenders convicted for
possession of a firearm by a felon who have certain
prior convictions; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery; felony reclassification; minimum sentence.—

- (2) (a) 1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for:
 - a. Murder;
 - b. Sexual battery;
 - c. Robbery;
 - d. Burglary;
 - e. Arson;
 - f. Aggravated assault;
 - g. Aggravated battery;
 - h. Kidnapping;
 - i. Escape;

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j. Aircraft piracy;

- k. Aggravated child abuse;
- 1. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- m. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
 destructive device or bomb;
 - n. Carjacking;
 - o. Home-invasion robbery;
 - p. Aggravated stalking;
- q. Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs, capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 893.135(1); or
 - r. Possession of a firearm by a felon

and during the commission of the offense, such person actually possessed a "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, except that a person who is convicted for aggravated assault, possession of a firearm by a felon, or burglary of a conveyance shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years if such person possessed a "firearm" or "destructive device" during the commission of the offense unless such a person convicted for possession of a firearm by a felon has a previous conviction of a felony or an attempt to commit a

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felony listed in s. 775.084(1)(b)1. and actually possessed a "firearm" or "destructive device" during the commission of that offense.

- 2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive device" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.
- 3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive device" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.